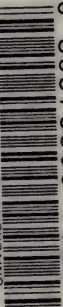


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PREFATORY NOTE

THIS fragment of an English version of the extensive cartulary of the great monastic house of Oseney, written about 1460, is of exceptional interest as a monument of the language, raising more than one important question.

Why was an English version begun? What members of the monastic community, entitled to knowledge of its most intimate papers, were then likely to understand documents in English, and not understand them in Latin?

Why, if begun, was it not better done? Every here and there, especially towards the end of the fragment, the translation hopelessly breaks down, and, without collation with the Latin, is unintelligible. Were Oseney monks Frenchmen and so ignorant of English as to be unable to turn a Latin charter into that tongue?

Why was it left off? Because it was felt to be too hard a task, or because it was found to be valueless in practice?

The English version follows the Latin Register in its division into 'Titles', i. e. heads dealing with special points or estates. After the general 'Titles', the properties dealt with in the fragment are all in Oxfordshire.

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FOREWORDS

The Oseney MS.

Description of the MS. The MS., which supplies the two fragments here printed, is press-marked 'King's Remembrancer, Miscellaneous Books, no. 26' in the Public Record Office. It measures twelve inches by nine, and is made up of bundles of four sheets of paper laid on one sheet of vellum, and then folded with the vellum outside. Paper was probably used thus largely for cheapness, and vellum sparingly to give durability to the composite volume. The water-mark shows an elaborate fan-shaped pattern with pendent cross, and appears to be otherwise unknown.

Contents of the MS. The volume consists of three distinct sections, written at slightly different dates, but all ending imperfectly and abruptly.

(A.) First in order is a fragment of an English version of Bonaventura's *Speculum Vitae Christi*. No more is given than the title and a portion of the table of contents, and the end is so abrupt that the summary of the thirtieth chapter lacks 'Capitulum XXX^m', which ought to follow. In this work legendary matter is added to the gospel narrative. Chapter I occupied itself with a council held in heaven before the Incarnation; Chapter II narrated the life of Mary previous to the annunciation; and Chapter XIII described the eighteen unrecorded years between the visit to Jerusalem at twelve years old and the baptism. Traditional elements appear also in Chapters XXI and XXII.

The chapters are marked off into groups for reading on successive days of the week: Chapters I-IX for Monday, Chapters X-XIV for Tuesday; and Chapters XV-XXIV for Wednesday. We have therefore a fragment of a book appointed to be read aloud in the refectory of Oseney during the dinner-hour

When the reader droned from the pulpit,
Like the murmur of many bees,
The legend of good St. Guthlac,
And St. Basil's homilies;

or, in this case, Bonaventura's devotional treatise.

The number of each chapter is rubricated, and placed after the summary. As usual, spaces have been left for illuminated initial letters, and these in most cases are marked in ink for the illuminator in small letters which could easily be painted over.

The general character of the writing suggests 1450 as a probable date for this section.

(B.) For some reason, the Bonaventura treatise was broken off as soon as begun, and the volume devoted to a more special need of the abbey, viz. the transcription of an English version of the register of estates and privileges. The rubrics and text of this section are written in somewhat freer style than the preceding, and the writing is slightly sloped. We therefore date it somewhat later, say about 1460. This second portion occupies leaves numbered from 1 to 61, and breaks off in the middle, not merely of a deed but of a sentence. Leaf 61 back to leaf 65 back are blank, possibly so left with a view to completion of the section at some future time. The unfinished state of this second section is further shown by the absence of rubrics from the greater part of it, though spaces for their insertion have been uniformly left.

This portion is here printed in the order of the MS. Although this order is confusing in respect of locality, violates the order of time, and involves repetitions, it is intentional and follows a method of its own, and therefore could not be set aside.

(C.) The remainder of the volume (leaf 66 to leaf 112 back) contains transcripts, in the original Latin, of confirmation-charters by various popes, and ends abruptly in the middle of a charter. Here the name of the pope, which begins each charter, is written in the flowered capital letters which became fashionable in Henry VII's time. An archaism in the writing is the continued use of dotted *y*. This section is later than 1513, since it contains (fol. 88) a charter of Leo X.

History of the MS. We possess some facts, and can draw some inferences, towards a history of the MS. and of its originals.

At the end of the twelfth century, Oseney had a great mass of deeds relating to property or privileges. Before 1200, for convenience' sake, a Register (now MS. Vitellius E 15 in the Cottonian treasures of the British Museum Library) was begun, into which the most important of the deeds were copied in the original Latin; and, as fresh charters came in, transcripts of these were added.

In the course of 80 years this volume had become so full and confused that a recension of it became necessary. Accordingly, between 1280 and 1284, under the supervision of abbot William of Sutton, a new Registrum was drawn up, on an elaborate plan, each property receiving a 'titulus' or section, and the sections being grouped according to the 'bailiff' in whose charge the properties were. Each section had an explanatory foreword, often with cross-references. Blank pages were left into which deeds were written from time to time, down to 1474.

About 1460 the growing importance of English led to the wish for an English version, and accordingly the fragment now printed was written. This represents only a small portion of the Latin volume, viz. a few general charters and a few Oxfordshire deeds. This English version was made from the second copy of the Latin, and faithfully follows its order. One or two deeds are, however, added, which are not found in the Latin.

At the dissolution, 1540, Henry VIII hesitated what to do with the abbey and its estates. His first and more generous impulse was to use the buildings and revenues for the endowment of one of the additional bishoprics he had promised. He therefore erected Oseney into a cathedral, with bishop, dean, and prebendaries, and assigned to it Oxfordshire for a diocese. A later impulse of greed made him lay on St. Frideswyde's Priory the burden both of Wolsey's College as he had already ordered, and of the new-founded see. Oseney buildings and Oseney lands were then given to the spoilers.

As a consequence of this dispersion of the estates, the deeds and books concerned with them were scattered. The original unbound charters, rentrolls, &c., were dumped into Christ Church Treasury (Wood's *Life and Times*, iv. 99). The two copies of the Latin register passed into private hands, coming afterwards to the possession of Sir Robert Cotton. That antiquary gave the second copy to Christ Church, Oxford, in exchange for a volume of monastic annals (perhaps the Annals of Bruton, Somerset, MS. Cott. Otho A 4); and it is now no. 343 in (Dean) G. W. Kitchin's Catalogue of Christ Church MSS. The earlier volume, which Cotton retained, MS. Cott. Vitellius E 15, suffered in the lamentable fire, 1731, but has been repaired, and is still of service. Notes from it, taken before the damage, are found in the MS. collections of Brian Twyne

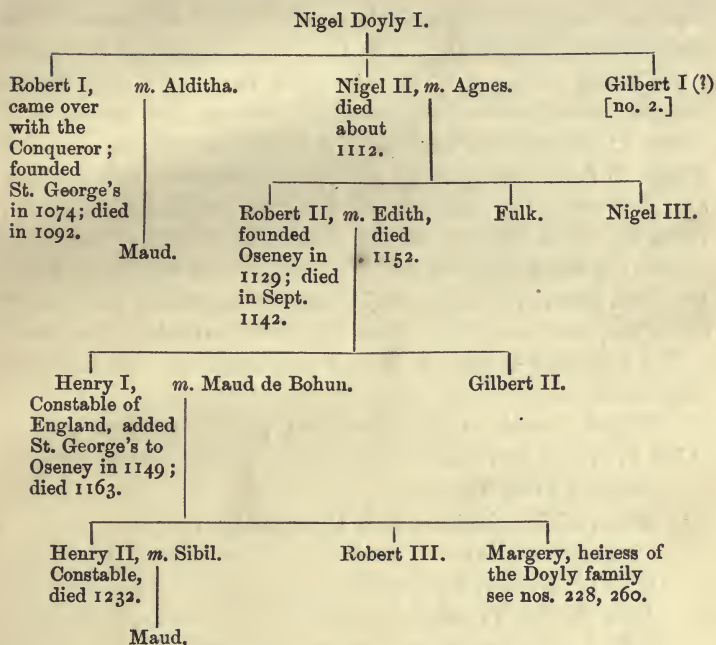
(Wood's *Life and Times*, iv. 101). The English volume was taken into the King's Remembrancer's Office, and has remained there, having never been claimed by the purchasers of the abbey lands.

History of Oseney.

Site. The Great Western train from London often slows, or comes to a stop, on an embankment just outside Oxford station, so inviting travellers to look down on a crowded modern cemetery to the west of the line. There is nothing to suggest that here stood some of the stateliest buildings of mediaeval England. Yet this cemetery occupies the site of Oseney abbey. The conventual buildings have been so completely rooted out that the patience and perseverance of an antiquary like Mr. Herbert Hurst, who through a series of years watched the digging of every grave and noted the nature and lie of every bit of foundation so brought to light, have been baffled, and no ground-plan of the buildings mentioned in old records can be given.

Foundation. Oseney leapt into being as a great monastic house, possessed from the beginning of large estates and lordly privileges, by the fiat of a powerful noble. Its foundation-charter (no. 12) assigned to it in 1129 much property in Oxford town and shire, along with six rectories. About 1140, the founder renounced his manorial rights (no. 39) over the abbey and its tenants, transferring them to Oseney itself; and granted Oseney and its tenants rights of pasturage, of taking wood, and of fishing, over all his estates. Nine years later, 1149, his son diverted (no. 21) to Oseney the still more considerable revenues of a church of secular canons, which had been established (no. 2) and endowed by the founder's uncle in 1074. Hereby he enriched the later foundation by the revenues of seven churches, and by two-thirds of the tithes of the demesne-lands in some ninety manors. About the same time the work was completed by this same son and his widowed mother, who gave (no. 24) other lands and additional privileges.

The relation of Oseney to its founder and those members of his family who are mentioned in these deeds is best set out by a family tree drawn from them.



Later history. Although this fragment comprises deeds as late as 1443 (no. 203) it is barren of information about the general history of the abbey subsequent to its foundation. Pope Eugenius III, confirming about 1146 the foundation, added (no. 18) the valued privileges of having service within the abbey during time of interdict, and of a cemetery for the monks, their servants, and their guests. A few special benefactions occur. About 1216 Roger of St. John gave (no. 134) the rectory of Steeple Barton to help the abbey in 'the susteynyng of powre men and pilgrymys'. In 1220 the tithe of hay in four manors (no. 96) was granted 'to the susteynyng of thoo thynges the which ben necessarye in pitaunces and medicynys of brethren i-leyde in the infirmaye'. In 1245 a rent-charge was bestowed (no. 153) to provide a pittance, an addition to the ordinary fare, in the beginning of Lent. Some benefactors bargained for burial in the abbey church, e.g. nos. 25 (1182), 181 (1200), 206 (1275). Many deeds record law-suits, in which the abbey was involved. Some of these will be noticed later. Here reference may be made to the suit (no. 54) in which

Oseney, 1225, invited St. Frideswyde's Priory to renounce its 'instruments of perjury', apparently some deed forged¹ to support a traditional claim; the action brought, 1248, by Henry III to recover (no. 86) crown-land granted to Oseney by the widow of Henry I; the attempt, 1258-9, by a lord of the manor, of a new family, to force Oseney to do suit to the manorial mill (266-7, 272), from which the founder had granted exemption; the action, 1289, by which Oseney forced the heirs of Hugh of Tew (nos. 209-10) to make good his warranty clause; and especially, 1377, the claim (no. 43) of Oseney to be counted as outside the suburbs of Oxford, and free of contribution to the taxes paid by the town.

The following abbots of Oseney are mentioned repeatedly in these deeds:—

Wigod, elected 1138 (then styled prior); assumed title of abbot 1154; died 1168.

Edward, 1168-83.

Hugh, of Buckingham, or le Freke, 1184-1205.

Clement, 1205-21.

Richard de Gray, 1221-9

John Rading, 1229-35.

John Leech, 1235-49.

Adam de Berniers, 1249-54.

Richard de Apletre, 1254-68.

William de Sutton, 1268-84.

Roger de Coventre, 1284-96.

John de Bibury, 1296-1316.

Tithe.

The notices of tithe occupy a large place in the deeds, and supply us with some points of interest. We find, first of all, very clearly stated, the right at one time possessed by the landowner to assign the tithe of his land to what church he pleased. Thus, about 1220-25, Simon Maidwell granted (no. 277), and his widow Agnes confirmed (no. 275), to Oseney tithe of 9 acres of his best corn in Barford, 'the which myne aunceturs yafe to whoome theye wold, of the which the church of Bereforde noo parte receyueth.' In keeping with this, we find (nos. 1, 2, 3, 21) the co-founders of St. George's church assigning to it, 1074, for themselves and their

¹ But Oseney itself was not clean-handed in this matter; see nos. 2, 5, 21.

heirs, two-thirds of the tithes great and small of all the manors of their two baronies, leaving to the parish churches in which the manors lay only one-third of the tithe.

The number of suits about tithe which are found in this fragment alone is so large that it reminds one of the 'forty thousand law-suits' about tithe in the France of 1787 (Carlyle's *French Revolution*, Pt. I, Bk. III, Chap. III). Many of these were settled by compromise; but the majority were appealed to Rome, and ultimately decided by English commissioners appointed by the pope. Where the parties to the suit were both of the church, a frequent solution was the surrender of the whole tithe to the one party, subject to payment of a perpetual tithe-rent-charge to the other. Thus, in 1219, commissioners of pope Honorius III arranged that Fécamp Abbey should surrender to Oseney all claim for tithe in Little Barton, and that Oseney should pay Fécamp 10s. yearly at Cogges priory, which is thus shown to be a cell of the Norman house.

Special notice is taken of the money-grants (tenths, fifteenths, &c.) voted by the church to the king, to which the tithe-owner had to contribute. About 1435, Oseney granted to the rectory of Heyford-Warren a perpetual lease of Oseney share of the tithes of that parish, covenanting, however, that the rectory 'shall paye for the kynges dyme when that hit happeneth by the clergy to be i-grauntid, that is to say, for an hoole dyme, iiis.'

For mutual convenience, owners of estates which paid tithe to Oseney are found granting to the convent a site for a barn to receive the tithe-sheaves (nos. 178, 275). It is stated (no. 178) that 'of olde tyme' the custom had been to pay the tithe-sheaves at the door of the demesne-barn, probably as the carts discharged their loads into that barn. {In this grant at Heyford-Warren, about 1240, the landowner made the following odd agreement with Oseney. If 'the saide chanons wille that there¹ corne there be thresshe (in the forsaide howse), then I and myne heyres schall make it to be thresshe, and the chaffe schall abide (togedur with the strow) to me and my heyres'; but if Oseney prefer 'to bere away all there corne in scheves hoole', the manor shall have the use for its own purposes of the tithe-barn all the time it is empty of tithe-sheaves.

Small tithes occur in an interesting suit at Kidlington, by which

¹ i. e. their.

the parishioners were compelled (no. 98) to pay to Oseney, as rector of that parish, tithes of gardens, and of orchards, and 'of the mylke of there¹ kyne [and ewes] fro the tyme of the wenyng of the calues and of departyng of lombes al so longe as mylke dureth'. This was in 1277. It appears that formerly the milk-tithe had been discharged by a money-commutation, since Oseney was awarded 'arerages fro that tyme that they paide last moneye in the name of the tithe of the mylke'.

Tithes of hay of the extensive meadows along Thāmes and Cherwell, west and north of Oxford, came to Oseney, as part of the endowment (no. 21) of St. George's church. Several well-known Oxford citizens, 1220, resisted this payment, but were constrained (no. 57) to it by commissioners of pope Honorius III. In these meadows it seems to have been usual to set aside yearly, before mowing, a strip for the tithe-owner, to free the rest of the meadow from the obligation, the tithe-owner undertaking the mowing, winning, and inning of his own strip. In 1225, when Oseney agreed (no. 54) with St. Frideswyde's to divide the tithe of hay of Wyuesley, it was also agreed that 'the tithes with commune conselles and expenses oft [=ought] to be i-gete and gaderid'.

Here we may note an odd payment connected with these meadows. In the lease (no. 53) made by Einsham to Oseney in 1226 of the Einsham rights to hay in certain meadows next Oseney, Einsham stipulated that Oseney should 'susteyne the burdon of the mower of the saide mede'. In some cases by old custom this payment to the mower was fixed at $\frac{1}{2}$ d. an acre. We find (no. 48) sixteen acres which paid 8d. 'in tyme of heyng, to the mower', 1239; and (no. 52) a piece, between 3 and 4 acres in extent, which paid 2d. 'to the mower'.

An interesting hint as to disputes provoked by the gathering of tithe in kind, and the sometimes overbearing behaviour of the tithe-gatherers, comes in 1259, when Sir Reginald fitz Peter granted (no. 272) Oseney leave 'to gader there tithis at Swereford (bothe more and lasse) and frely to bere awaye whider thay willen, nathelese in curteys wyse withoute harme and greuaunce of the saide Syr Reynolde and of his men leve-grauntynge'.

¹ i.e. their.

Church affairs.

It is convenient to bring together in one place the scattered notices of church matters.

Married clergy. The continuance to this period of married clergy seems attested by nos. 12, 143, 199, 200, 201. The prohibition of marriage of the clergy by the council of London in 1125 is official attestation that it was then practised in England.

Secular clergy. The foundation of Oseney belongs to the great change in church discipline brought about by the triumph of the monastic system. In 1074, the founder's uncle, in establishing (nos. 1, 2) his church of St. George, had been satisfied with a college of secular canons, each with his separate endowment (his 'prebend': nos. 9, 14), and probably his separate lodging, much as in a modern cathedral. The name of one of these prebendaries occurs (no. 26); Peverell 'presbyter' (*Monast.* vi. 253). A generation later, the preference for the common life of a religious order subject to its 'rule' had grown so strong, that the new foundation of Oseney was for Austin monks (Canons Regular), and ere long the older foundation was suppressed for the better endowment of the monks. At this suppression (no. 29), each canon of St. George's retained his life-interest in his prebend, and the founder of St. George's was remembered by the institution of a two-priest chantry in that church.

Impropriated churches. In the case of Steeple Barton and Sandford St. Martin we have (no. 134) the arrangements made by the diocesan, about 1216, for the impropriation by Oseney and the continuance of the parish services. The churches were to be served by permanent vicars, who should receive the altar-offerings, the small tithes, a specified endowment, and a house; all the rest of the income of the churches went to the impropiator.

Chapels of ease. Several of these occur in these deeds, as Frees (no. 79), Southcot (no. 37), Seuewell (no. 269), whose memory has otherwise perished. It would thus appear that at an early period more ample provision was made for church services in the hamlets of large country parishes than was possible after parish revenues were assigned to the endowment of the monasteries. Some of these chapels must have been of early foundation. About 1216 the bishop of Lincoln, even after special inquiry (no. 134), found it impossible to determine whether the chapel of Sandford St. Martin

was 'the modur church' or 'a chapell to the church of Barton perteynyng'. In the same district, about 1170, we have (no. 132) the provision made at the foundation of a semi-private chapel to mark its dependence on the parish church. Persons attending the chapel must go to the parish church on five high-days, and must make their Easter confession there; and the lady of the manor must be churched, and pay her churchings, not at the chapel, but at the parish church. The chapel in question is probably that of Ledwell, the services of which, in 1216 (when the impropriation diverted to Oseney the endowment of the chapel), were assigned (no. 134) to the vicar of Barton or the vicar of Sandford. About 1280 Hugh of Plessets obtained leave (no. 101) to have a similar semi-private chapel at his manor-house, but the terms of the bargain made with him by Oseney, as rector of Kidlington, are not included in this fragment.

Dedication of church or chapel. On June 20, 1273, we have (no. 167) the dedication of Sandford St. Martin chapel, and next day (no. 140) the dedication of Steeple Barton church, in each case possibly after rebuilding. The dedication was done by a titular bishop acting for the diocesan, and a grant of indulgence was attached, at each anniversary of the dedication, to all shriven and devout people who came within the octave to worship or give alms in the building.

Monastic chapels were opposed by the rectors of parish churches. About 1220, when Oseney wished to build a chapel close to Oseney gate on Oseney land and in an Oseney parish, the abbey sought the sanction not only of the diocesan (no. 65) but of the pope (no. 66). In 1235, under pressure from pope Gregory IX, Oseney allowed the Knights Hospitallers to have an oratory within their mansion at Gosford in Kidlington parish, but bound the Order to exclude Kidlington parishioners from the use of this chapel and to forbid its chaplains to accept fees from them for saying intercessory masses.

Harbourage. There was an old claim by the bishop and the archdeacon for entertainment by the clergy in their visitations. In 1216, in instituting vicarages at Barton and Sandford (p. xvii), the diocesan exempted the vicars (no doubt because of the poverty of their stipends) from 'the herborogh of the bisshop and of the archidecon'. Another form of it occurs in the quaint lease, about 1230, by which St. John's Abbey, Colchester, surrendered to Oseney

(no. 139) the Colchester claims in Barton and district. Besides a yearly rent, each abbot of Oseney should do fealty and pay 'oone besaunte of goolde' at Colchester, within forty days of his installation; 'and if nede call the abbot of Colchester in-to the cuntreis of Oxonforde, hit schall be dewe to the same abbot and to his men and to viii horsis, in the howse of Oseney, conuenient purueyng by thre dayes, if the same abbot so longe there will abide.'

Mortuary and heriot. Dr. John Cowell in *The Interpreter* (1607) thus explains 'mortuarie': 'at his death . . . if a man have three or more cattell¹ of any kinde, the best being kept for the lord of the fee as a heriot, the second was wont to be given to the parson in right of the church.' In 1273 the executors of a Kidlington parishioner disputed this claim of Oseney, or, as a second plea, urged that it did not extend to horses; but the decision (no. 97) was in favour of Oseney on both points.

For some reason which is not apparent, Oseney, granting the vicar of Sandford St. Martin a life-rent (no. 166) of some houses there, added a demand for a heriot, viz. 'the best be[a]st of the foresaide Wa[l]ter whenne he in-to deth passith'. An equally odd provision in the same lease allowed payment 'in the vigill of Palmes' of '1 lamprey' yearly instead of a 2s. instalment of his rent.

Minor church customs. The following occur:—offering a deed on the altar to give it greater force, nos. 25, 50, 69, 217; taking oath on the gospels in executing a deed, nos. 154, 219; endowment of a 'light' in a church, nos. 104, 110; beating the bounds of a parish on Ascension day, no. 54; spending Lent in a monastery, no. 64.

Conditions of English land.

This fragment contains few deeds specially relating to land; and those that there are, refer to Oxfordshire parishes only. Still, such indications as are found confirm, and in some points expand, the conclusions pointed to by the more numerous and more widely distributed deeds of the English Register of Godstow (E.E.T.S., 1905-6).

Knight's fee and scutage. Most land was originally held by military service, and a knight's fee was that amount of land (often said to be eight hides, e.g. by Dr. John Cowell) which was sufficient to

¹ i. e. catalla, 'chattells.'

maintain a knight, liable for service when the king was at war. Next, a knight's fee came to mean the rent paid for this amount of land to the lord of whom it was held. We also find these holdings in greatly attenuated forms, possibly by former owners having alienated part of their land, making the part they retained liable for the whole service. About 1250 Oseney obtained (no. 183) at Little Tew 3 hides of land, with feudal superiority over half a hide more, to be held 'by seruice of one kny3ght'. In 1275 Oseney bought (no. 204) one hide (called here a 'plowe of londe') at Adderbury which owed 'scutage al so moche as longeth to the halfe of one scute', i.e. was held by service of half a knight's fee. References to scutage, as a tax occasionally levied on land by the king, and to its distribution over lands separated from the original knight's fee, are found in nos. 42, 146-9, 204.

Land of the manor and land held of the manor. The strongest distinction has to be drawn between demesne-land on the one hand, and, on the other hand, manorial land which had been granted to freehold tenants and customary tenants. The three sorts of land are most clearly shown in the confirmation (no. 25) of Henry Doyly II:— 'Eton (all the toun) in the lordeship, and villenage, and free fee': 'Ethonam totam villam in dominio, et vilenagio, et libero feodo.'

Demesne-land was actually in the lord's hands and worked by himself or farmed for his benefit. A grant of such land meant full ownership of it, and was always important. In the other cases, the lord owned only certain periodical payments, which were often very small, and certain reversionary rights, which might never accrue. Grants of land of this sort might mean very little, and such grants form a considerable portion of the estates given to Oseney. Thus, in 1155, Henry Doyly confirmed to Oseney (no. 24) his mother's gift of a hide and a half at Weston-on-the-Green, but this is by no means so large a grant as it appears, since it consisted of 'thre yerdes of villenage . . . and thre yerdes of the lordeship'. In Little Tew, about 1200, a benefactor gave (no. 181) to Oseney half of his demesne-land and half of 'v yerdes of londe of vilenage (or of bonde holde)'. In estimating, therefore, the amount of, and criticizing the management of, land held in mortmain, we have to remember that large portions of it were let out on practically perpetual leases, often at nominal rents.

Freehold land had practically passed from the lord's ownership to that of the free tenant and his heirs, subject only to payment of a stipulated quit-rent, and the performance of certain traditional feudal obligations. The formula for it occurs at Adderbury, in the sale (no. 205), about 1269, of '1 plowe of londe', i.e. a hide, 'with the rentys of my free tenauntes and homages, ward-is, and relefs, and eschetes' which might fall due from them.

Villeinage was land granted to a serf-tenant. Here the burdens were heavier, and often included a large amount of labour on the demesne-land in addition to yearly rent in money and kind. The possibilities of resumption by the lord of the fee, under the customs of the manor, were also much greater. There are, however, many indications that such holdings were permanent in their own way, and went down in the customary tenant's family by certain recognized rules of inheritance. The oddest of these is the conveyance of the customary tenant along with his holding. This shows that the lord could not take the land from his tenant and sell it, but might transfer his own rights of lordship over both land and tenant, with the result that, under the new lord, the serf-tenant continued to enjoy all the right he had ever had. There are several examples of this in these deeds. About 1160, Henry Doyly, the founder's son, gave (no. 215) to Oseney '1 half hide of londe the which Thomas la burne helde, with the same Thomas and his modur and his suster, with all there goodes'. About 1180, Leonard of Whitfield gave (no. 216) to Oseney in Claydon '1 yerde of londe the which Gilbert corbeller helde, with that man and all his children'. About 1275 Robert of Brock conveyed (no. 192) to Oseney in Little Tew '1 yerde of londe every yere to be sowe, with medys and other pertinences', held of him by Alice, widow of William of Pateshall, with 'the saide Aliz sumtyme my natife, and Roger and Robert and Aliz, childron of the saide Aliz, with catall and sequelis of them'. There is a milder and there is a rougher form of this conveyance formula. In 1269 Hugh of Tew sold (no. 205) land in Adderbury, 'with all services of my custumaris,' thus keeping the serfdom out of sight. In 1275 the same land was sold, 'with my bonde-men and ther catall and services and sequelis.'

Another name for such land and such tenants is *warland*. About 1155, Henry Doyly confirmed to Oseney (no. 24) '1 hide of

villanage' in Hooknorton and '3 yerdes of villanage' in Weston-on-the-Green. About 1158, in a confirmation-charter by the diocesan (no. 26) these appear as '1 hide of londe with iiij men of warlande', and 'iii yerdes of londe of Warlant'.

Cotland also occurs in this connexion. In 1156, in the confirmation (no. 26) just cited, in an obscure place, not explained by the grants it confirms (no. 24), we have 'vi. of Cotlane'. I take this to be villeinage, but the holding a small one, less than a quarter-yardland. Another example is possibly found in the grant (no. 219) at Hooknorton, about 1180, of '1 dwellyng of londe . . . the which Willyam of Hampton helde, with that man and all his'. There is, about 1225, a transfer of a serf, without obvious mention of land, but we are no doubt to assume that some holding was transferred with him (no. 220).

We have an example of the substitution of an increased rent in money for the old rent combined with services. This (no. 221) was about 1230, at Hooknorton.

Divisions of the arable land. Most arable land was held in certain traditional units or fractions of these units, the hide, the half-hide, the yardland, half-yardland, or quarter-yardland. The yardland in these deeds appears to contain from 24 to 30 acres of arable land. Four yardlands made a hide.

Intermixture of arable strips. The arable land of these units did not lie together, unit by unit. The whole arable of the manor or township lay in certain large fields, which in Oxfordshire were (if the language of the deeds may be followed) often two in number and were named from the points of the compass. In these fields, each unit had so many strips intermingled among the strips of the other units, and the fields had to be put under crop, or left fallow, according to a traditional rotation incumbent on the whole community. We have, in 1257, at Ledwell a good example (no. 171) of the intermixture of the demesne-strips among the strips of lands held by tenants of the manor, the demesne consisting of $37\frac{1}{2}$ acres in 13 different places in the West field and 41 acres in 12 different places in the East field. At Hooknorton, we find, 1260-70, two typical half-yardlands, the first (no. 251) having about 8 acres in the West field, lying in 17 strips, and about 7 acres in the East field, in 16 strips; the second (no. 223) having 15 acres 1 rood, viz. in the West field, 3 separate acres, 11 separate half-acres,

and 3 separate roods, and, in the East field, 1 separate acre, and 10 separate half-acres.

Wherever an agricultural unit is described in full, we have therefore an inviting list of field-names: as at Barton (145, 155), Hensington (122), Heyford-Warren (179), Hooknorton (223, 237, 251), Kidlington (111), Ledwell (171).

Common meadow. Originally, each unit of arable land carried with it a proportionate share in the common meadows of the township. Conveyances of such holdings are careful to specify the 'mede' which went with it: e.g. about 1270, at Tew (no. 189). In 1155 the normal amount of meadow is stated (no. 24) to be two acres to the yardland ('ii. acres everych yerde'). Accordingly the two half-yardlands mentioned in the preceding section (nos. 251, 223) had each 1 acre of meadow, the normal amount. This meadow land often lay in separate strips. Thus, in 1280, at Hooknorton (no. 237), two such acres are described as being in four separate half-acre strips.

Common pasture. The arable units, in the same way, had originally proportionate rights of common pasture. Thus, about 1260, what is plainly a quarter-yardland ($3\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the North field and $3\frac{1}{2}$ in the South field) had attached (no. 187) to it 'ffre commune and ffre entryng and goyng owt thorowgh all' the grantor's 'londes of Litull Tywe'. This allocation was much disturbed in course of time by owners alienating portions of their lands but retaining the valued pasture-rights. About 1245, Richard, Earl of Cornwall, in granting Oseney a messuage at Frees, exacted a promise (no. 81) that the abbey would not, on pretext of possessing this holding, claim pasture-rights in Yarnton manor. In 1350, Oseney, parting with nearly all its land in Little Barton, seems to retain (no. 159), with a small piece of land reserved, all its old pasture-rights, viz. 'ffree comune of pasture to owre bestes (all maner of kynde) to be fedde in feldes and pasturis of the towne of Barton Odonis'.

Transgressions in respect of common pasture occupy some space in the deeds. At Handborough, about 1240, Oseney was forced (no. 87) to leave off sending to pasture more cattle than the abbey holding was entitled to send, and paid compensation for the injustice done. Another offence was temporarily to enclose ('in hook') and crop, out of turn, land which ought to have lain fallow

and open to pasture; and still another to refuse commoners pasture on fallow ('warecte or leylonde'). In 1268, and again in 1288, Oseney and other 'commoners' in Little Tew combined (nos. 188, 193) to resist these two encroachments by Great Tew manor.

Oseney received several special grants of pasture. In 1149 the founder gave (no. 21) Oseney and Oseney tenants 'fre commune to there shepe and hogges and to all here bestes' in all his manors. In 1152, in Claydon, his widow added (no. 24) free pannage. About 1200, at Barton (nos. 137-8), Oseney was granted leave for 6 oxen, 2 cows, 2 cattle-beasts, 60 sheep, and 20 pigs, to feed with the cattle, sheep, and pigs of the manor. In 1240, in a large meadow near Oseney, a benefaction (no. 46) provided that 'the abbot may have xx^{ti} bestys . . . after the hey is i-mowe and i-levyd un-to Myzhelmasse, and after Myzhelmasse as many as he will'.

Woodland rights. In 1140 the founder gave (no. 39) Oseney 'howsebote, and haybote, and to be brenned resonably at here graunges, of my wodis', i. e. timber to repair houses, stakes to mend fences, faggots for fuel. In Claydon, about 1152, his widow, in the same way, granted (no. 24) 'that is nede[d] to howses and hegges¹ to be made, and to fyre to be made': 'quod necesse eis fuerit domibus et sepibus suis reficiendis et ad focum faciendum.' In 1267, Henry III granted (no. 33) Oseney special liberties in the abbey woods which lay within the circuit of the royal forests in Oxfordshire.

Enclosures. Where land was 'several', i. e. the absolute property of the owner and subject to no rights of common, it might be enclosed, by consent of the lord of the manor. Thus, in 1247, leave was given (no. 138) to Oseney to enclose land, subject to a right of footway over it. In 1413, at Ledwell, the enclosure was preceded (no. 169) by a solemn inquiry (conducted by the lord of the manor) as to rights of common and as to boundary-stones.

The Jews.

There are a few indications of the animosity against the Jews which resulted in the great expulsion in 1290. Jews are often mentioned in warranty clauses, 1240-80, e.g. nos. 88, 104, 111, 119, 187, 223. The occurrence of this clause in 1140 suggests that no. 5 is a spurious deed. There is one grant of land, made subject

¹ i. e. [dead-]hedges, fences.

to exclusion of Jews only. This was in 1269, at Adderbury, where the seller of land expressly allowed (no. 205) the purchaser to convey it as he pleased 'both to religious men and to other (Juys ow[t]etake)'. The record of a suit (no. 261) brought by a Jewess of London against Oseney mentions the 1275 Statute limiting the rate of interest which Jews might exact, and illustrates one difficulty of their money-lending transactions. In 1285 this Jewess summoned Oseney, as holding part of William le Blunde's lands in Hooknorton, for payment of £1 6s. 8d. advanced on mortgage (August 27, 1275), and of the interest due thereon. Oseney denied liability, and brought evidence to show that the lands, over which William le Blunde had granted the mortgage in 1275, had been the property of Oseney for more than twenty years before that date. The plaintiff was non-suited, with costs. In this case, therefore, a fraudulent Gentile seems to have obtained money by mortgaging land which was not his.

The Hundred Court.

For its original lands Oseney was exempt (no. 13) from suit to the hundred court. When summoned about 1260 to do suit for its lands in Wootton hundred (no. 92), Oseney established exemption by old charter. This exemption did not extend to later acquisitions, e.g. for the hide in Adderbury, acquired in 1275, Oseney paid (no. 204) suit to Bloxham hundred. We have one indication of the duties of this court. At Dunstew, about 1260, the jury of the hundred (no. 202) held inquiry into a right of way and set boundary-marks for it.

Small quit-rents.

We have several instances of the small, formal quit-rents which prevailed before the *Quia emptores* Statute of 1279. A farthing occurs, a half-penny, and a root of ginger (109), a lb. of pepper (254), a lb. of cummin (110, 148), a sparhauke sowre (120), i. e. a russet-tinged sparrowhawk, '1 peyre of gloves of 1 obolus at Estur' (no. 199, about 1225, at Dunstew). We find also, on several occasions, the grant of a small quit-rent received with solemnity, because of the reversionary rights it carried with it: as in nos. 224, 232, 241, 250.

Miscellaneous notes.

About 1275 Nicholas of Weston-on-the-Green, selling (no. 206) land to Oseney, put himself and his heirs 'undur payne of xx li. to be payde to the kyng' if he failed to execute his covenants.

About 1282 a payment made (no. 243) at Hooknorton, 'xxx s. and ii quarters of corne, that is to say, half of whete and half of rye', reminds us that bread was then made of flour ground from 'corn mingled'.

The distinction still used between winter-sown wheat and other grains sown in spring is carried back (no. 193) to 1288, where we have 'wynter seede' and 'Lente sede'.

Grants of fishery rights occur, nos. 12, 39; tithe of fishing is mentioned, no. 54; and agreements about fishery rights come in nos. 78, 114.

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Some Grammar Notes.

This Oseney fragment is of small linguistic value except as a supplement to the *English Register of Godstow Nunnery*, which was in progress about the same date, scarcely three miles up the Thames.

In working through the Oseney version, it seemed to me that its translator (1460) showed more grip of both languages, Latin and English, than the Godstow translators (1450 sqq.). I may have been deceived into exaggerating this superiority, by having the original Latin before me to collate with the English throughout in the case of Oseney, whereas much of the Godstow book had to be thought out from its obscure English alone. But some superiority there is, on the whole.

On the other hand, there are several places in which the English rendering is so faulty that it can hardly be the work of the man who translated the bulk of the book. I hazard the guess that the competent person who undertook the translation had, for some reason or other, to give over soon after beginning, and that a would-be continuator, after some boggled attempts at carrying on the work, abandoned it as beyond his powers.

As regards grammar and vocabulary this Oseney fragment closely resembles the longer Godstow book both in general features and in special defects. It will therefore be of service to use, as far as possible, the same headings as were employed in the analysis of the Godstow text, and to give references throughout to the pages of the *English Register of Godstow* (E.E.T.S., 1911), cited briefly as G. R.

Latinisms in single words [G. R. xcv].

Here and there a Latin word is left practically unchanged.

actum 196/30 i. e. the date. So also *date* and *acte* 200/7.

annale 103/9 i. e. an anniversary mass.

causa 119/25 by reason of.

in-hokam 151/34, 152/16.

scute 163/19 knight's fee.

trentale 103/9 monthly mass.

There are also instances in which the English equivalent is only the Latin word with the minimum of change.

ratum habentes 205/2 hauyng rate, i. e. accepting as settled.

in scripturam 204/25 in-to scripture, i. e. a written document.

In other places, after the Latin word had been written, the English word was appended. This peculiarity suggests that the writer thought in Latin, not in English.

medietatem, þat is to say, halfe 127/3.

post, id est, after 190/25.

In a number of cases, an adjective or a possessive pronoun stands by itself, without a noun, in the Latin fashion.

for the helth of my sowle and . . . of all cristen 7/16 i. e. all Christian (souls).

þoo benefettes þe which ben i-geve to religiouse 113/25 *religiosis*, i. e. to religious (men).

with þat man and all his 173/29 *et omnibus suis*.

the helth of myne 6/18, 129/27 *salutem meorum*.

þe defense of seynte mary and owre 13/24 *et nostram*.

none in owre name or of owre 44/3 *vel ex nostris*; so also 86/18.

Yet another Latinism is the use of 'of him', 'of them', for 'his', 'their'.

þe curtilage or gardeyne of hym 161/3 *eius*.

the soone of hym 175/1 *filium eius*.

the soones of hym 40/14, 17 *filiorum eius*.

in þe chapiter of þem 54/18 *in capitulo eorum*.

Tentative renderings of single words (G. R. xcv).

In quite a number of instances a Latin word has been translated by Englishing its component parts separately. Obviously, the translator knew of no standard equivalent for the whole word. The same thing happens with a number of phrases.

accedente 114/18 comyng to, i. e. being given to.

ad sui quoque deliberationem adiicientes 90/2 to here also deliuaryng castyng to, i. e. adding [casting-to] to their statement [deliuaryng].

assidentium 63/5 sittyng to.

auocetur 119/1 be i-callid agayne, i. e. recalled.

contradicit 201/1 agayne saithe, i. e. refuseth.

*contradictores atque convulsore*s 15/3 agayne sayers and pluckers a-waye.

vel ei contraire 68/13 or to hit come agayne, i. e. to come against it, to oppose or reject it.

cum toto incluso 178/34 with all the closid inne, i. e. the enclosure.

induxit 132/10 ledde in, i. e. admitted.

interesse 131/23 be att, i. e. be present at.

inundatio 76/13 goyng ouer of water.

prelocutio 168/10 appelyng afore, i. e. legal argument.

diem premeditandi 196/5 day to pengyng afore, i. e. for considering a matter.

prout 133/17 as forthe.

recognovit 152/11 he agayne knowlechild, i. e. admitted; so also 207/1 knowlegid agayne.

redemptor 47/27 agayne-byere.

vel eius vices gerentem 92/15 or his stedys beryng, i. e. or his deputy.

Duplicate renderings of single Latin words (G. R. xcvi).

Frequently, the translator's hesitancy as to the proper equivalent of a Latin word leads to a twofold rendering. In many of these cases, one or other alternative is a Latinism.

acta 88/23 i-actid or doo.

alienatus est 47/25 he is alienyd or i-put fro.

bercarius 189/10 bercar alias scheperde.

una carucata 8/13 oon caruke or plowlonde.

in eorum communitatem 10/16 in here communitie (that is to say, into pere yilde).

confederati 5/2 i-confederyd or i-bownde.

conservatores 33/22 conseruatours and kepers.

controversia 72/8 controuersie or strife.

convertenda 41/30, 112/26, to be conuertid or turnyd.

datum 51/17 i-jeffe or þe date.

demanda 23/18 demaundis or axynges.

dimissio 78/24 dimission or lettyng.

divisum 119/15 diuidid or departid.

effectus 111/19 effecte or doying.

immunes 150/16 immune or partles; 150/7 dischargid or immune.

imparcari 24/3 inparked or y-poyned.

xxx *Duplicate renderings of single Latin words*

impedimentum 78/23 impediment or lett.
integritas 41/25 integrite or holenysse; 124/29.
interrupta 145/1 inturrupte or breke.
libertates 84/17 liberteis or ffredoms.
mansum 21/14 dwellyng or mansion; 118/2; 171/33 mansuris
or dwellynges.
moniciones 92/14 monicions or warnynges.
nativa 110/26 natife or bonde-woman.
obuenciones 57/13 obuencions or comyng þerof offrynges; 113/8
obuencions or vayles.
pertinet 9/19, 19/18 perteyneth or longeth.
pretiores 71/8 pretiores or (?) pletoures.
proventus 57/14 prouentes or profittes.
quinszime (French) 50/5 quinsyme or fiftene.
remisit 81/31 remittyng or relesid.
scriptura 119/2 scripture or writyng.
selliones 68/23 sellions or buttes.
tenura 70/10 tenure or holde.
territorium 99/21 territorye or grownde.
transgressionones 23/16 transgressions or mysdoynge.
vestitura 152/22 the vestiture or grasse.
visus 43/16 vywe or lawday.
warecta 152/2, 155/3 warecte or leylonde.

In other cases both alternatives are English, e. g.—

careat 19/8 lacke or lese he.
custos 145/19 keper or warden.
dominus 99/2 sir or lorde.
donationes 35/10 yiftes or yevynges.
gratum 205/2 kyndely or plesyd.
inspexisse 85/10 to haue i-lokyd or seen.
iudicium 23/19 justice or ry3ght.
limites 39/27 brynkes or bondis.
morari 111/11 to tary or to abide.
versus 142/7 to or agaynste.

Wrong renderings of single Latin words (G. R. xcviij).

In a few cases, the Latin word or expression is mistranslated. Some of the errors may be mere slips in the writing.

X. acras 117/11 x marke.

donaciones 16/27, 17/3 tithynges: instead of *gifts*.

si forte 76/15 if by-cawse: instead of *by chance*.

immunes 149/33 not partyng: instead of *exempt*.

in latitudine 76/9 in lenght: instead of *breadth*.

liberi 32/1, 65/9 ffree childron, 206/6 free soonys.

ad nocumentum 81/26 to nothyng: instead of *noying*, i.e. annoyance, injury.

temporum oblivione 113/25: by forgetyng ofttymes, instead of *by forgetfulness of time* (forgetyng of tymes).

obtentu antique consuetudinis 74/25, by þe olde chalenge-getyng of custom: instead of *on pretext of the old custom*.

pons 142/27 welle: instead of *bridge*.

pontarius 77/22 porter: instead of *bridge-ward*.

recognovit 115/23 receyuyng; 116/23 receyued: instead of *acknowledged*.

versus 70/31 to: instead of *against*.

Wrong renderings of longer passages (G. R. xcix).

It will be sufficient to outline this defect by referring to the following passages in the text, with the appended notes from the Latin: no. 67, p. 68; no. 97, p. 90; no. 188, p. 152; no. 209, pp. 166-7; no. 261, p. 196; no. 263, pp. 198-9; no. 272, p. 205.

Adherence to Latin construction (G. R. c).

The translator had not fully grasped the difference between English, even in his time uninflexional, and highly inflected Latin. Inflexions enable words to be disposed almost at random in the sentence, but English, to be clear, must follow a fixed order of words.

Accusative and infinitive. The Oseney translator is more on his guard than his Godstow contemporary against this un-English construction. Where he retains it he has sometimes the excuse of an inflected English pronoun, but there are instances in which the retention is in violation of grammar. Examples are:

(a) (English construction): knowe 3e all þat we . . . graunte 41/20 *scitote nos dare*; but (b) (English inflexion): knowe 3e me to haue i-graunted 8/27 *scitote me donasse*; and (c) (violated grammar): knewe ye all we to haue i-grauntid 19/17 *scitote nos donasse*.

Ablative absolute. This Latin construction is somewhat slavishly

followed, with great loss of clearness, the translator failing to recognize that the English present and past participles may go with the subject of the sentence as well as with any other word in it, whereas in Latin their ablative endings keep the participles distinct from the nominative of the sentence. A typical instance is:

'I, Raph Boterell, prayng and willyng Julyan my wife and Johan her dowghter' 54/9, where there is nothing on the face of the English to show that it is not meant that Ralph prayed and willed his wife and daughter, but that they prayed and willed him. It is only the sense which shows that the participles are not in agreement with 'I' and do not govern 'wife' and 'daughter'. The Latin inflexions make it plain enough:—Ego, Radulphus Boterell, precantibus et volentibus Juliana vxore mea et Johanna eius filia.

Adherence to Latin order (G. R. cii).

The English order—viz. subject, verb, object—had still to be established as against the inflexional order (*a*) object, verb, subject; or (*b*) object, subject, verb. As a rule, a moment's reflection suggests the true meaning, but the first reading of some sentences has, for the instant, a nightmare effect. Miscellaneous examples are these:

I . . . pray þat . . . the forsaide thynges þe forsaide churche holde 12/14-16 i. e. that the church may possess the things.

I . . . ordeyn þat þe saide church alle þe forsaide . . . possessions haue and hold 27/15-17 i. e. that the church may have the possessions.

Of this our ordeynnyng trobelers, we denunce them i-cursed 33/21 i. e. we excommunicate troublers of our ordinance.

That both here þe frute off goode doying þey take, and afore þe streyte jugge þe rewardis of euerlastyng life fynde þey 47/30-31 i. e. that they take here the fruit of good works, and find the reward before, &c.

The ry3ght of the foresaide tithis been i-holde thabbot and munckes of Colchester to the same chanons . . . to warantize 118/31-33 i. e. the monks of Colchester are bound to guarantee the tithes to the canons (of Oseney).

Such bitwene theme come bitwene the composicion 158/10 i. e. an agreement of this sort was arrived at between them: *talis inter eos intercessit composicio*.

In the same way, the English rule had still to be fixed that a participle should be brought next to its noun, whereas Latin inflexions allow wider divergence.

Tithis to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney perteynyng 39/20 i. e. tithes pertaining to.

All quarelyng for euer vppon þe saide tithis relesyng to þe saide Abbot and Couent afore i-meved 58/27-29 i. e. releasing (abandoning) all quarelyng (law-suits) afore i-meved (hitherto raised) about the tithes.

By þe handis of þe same Water and of all these tenementes after heldyng 92/25-27, i. e. of all holding afterwards these tenements.

There was a possibility that in English, as actually in French, the influence of Latin might have made it the rule that the adjective should come after the noun. We have such examples as these:

þere fadur spirituell 49/4.

into his same lordys preiudice grete 199/10.

Ambiguous use of to take (G. R. cii).

This Oseney fragment has several instances of the archaic meaning of *to take*, as equivalent to *to give*, but, as a rule, when so used, it is in combinations which define its meaning.

þe saide Abbot and Couent . . . grauntid and toke 56/1 *con-*
cesserunt et tradiderunt.

þe which þey shall take to whome we will bidde 70/33 *tradent.*

þe seide Abbot and Couent lete and toke 78/8, 97/13 *dimise-*
runt et tradiderunt.

Henry Doylly . . . toke and grauntid . . . to Helie 102/14.

We haue i-willed to take þem to þe surenyssye of writyng 113/27 *commendare.*

The . . . munkes haue i-grauntid and take to þe saide chanons 117/29.

There are also, of course, instances of the use of *to take* in its modern acceptation, as equivalent to *to receive*.

Vndur þe proteccion of saynte petur and our we take 17/20.

I toke in my hande . . . to warantize 54/30.

We haue i-take in our hande . . . to warantize 70/29.

þei which take þe milles 73/28, *qui receperint.*

þe same church, the which . . . toke me into here prayers 129/19, *suscepit.*

Accumulation of negatives (G. R. ciii).

Written English had not yet restricted itself to the logical use of the negative, as it is found in Latin, but piled up negatives rhetorically to produce, by accumulation, an intensified effect, as in Greek, and as in most English dialects.

Noþer I noþer my heyres noþer none in owre name 44/2, 86/17.

Noþer neuer . . . shall chalenge 74/25 *nec unquam*.

Hit schall not be vtturly to noo man lefull 114/23.

He neuer of þe saide pasture schall sowe no-þyng 152/16.

Analysis of verbal forms (G. R. ciii, civ).

The verb, as it is found in this Oseney book, presents:

(a) a large number of inflected forms of a 'deutsch' type, now altogether discarded, both in spoken and in written English;

(b) a considerable number of forms which coincide more or less with those which have since been accepted as the standard forms;

(c) many clipped forms, in which the dropping of the inflexional elements was carried to an extent which has failed to establish itself.

The verb 'to be' (G. R. civ).

These seem the noteworthy features:

(i) *are* never occurs; *art* occurs once: to þe which þou art hede 38/12.

(ii) *is* and *was* are constantly used, and are the only instances in which the 3rd person singular ends in -s.

(iii) Contrary to the use of the Godstow book, the archaic *i-* is found prefixed to the past participle of this verb (clipped form), e.g. haue i-be 48/14, 58/30, 114/2.

(iv) The clipped form which reduces the past participle to the verbal stem is of very frequent occurrence (see *infra* p. xxxvi).

Other points, useful for making a paradigm of this verb, are as follows:—

Imperative of to-be.

3rd pers. sing. be hit i-knowe 5/17, 7/14.

be hit departid 58/32.

Present tense of to-be (G. R. civ).

2nd pers. sing.—pou art 38/12.

3rd pers. sing.—is (uniformly).

1st pers. plur. with, or without, -n of plurality.

we bee hede 17/11.

we ben constered 39/1.

2nd pers. plur.—ye been sett 17/18.

ye ben i-3efe 46/7.

3rd pers. plur.—pey been conteyned 6/27.

myllys the which been 11/20.

pey that been present and to be 52/21.

[This *been* form is very common: but so also is *ben*.]

pey ben i-sett 33/5.

they ben i-seeled 60/3.

pe witnessys that ben i-named 62/4.

thynges pe which ben necessarye 88/18.

benefettes pe which ben i-3eve 113/24.

[The spelling *bene* also occurs, of course.]

poo pat bene now and to be 130/25.

Notice should be taken of the clipped form, in which the -n of plurality is discarded.

pey be i-3eve 30/2.

in what-so-euer places pey be holde 37/21.

know pey that present be and to be 54/23, 94/8.

In some of the relative clauses it is possible that there is a subjunctival influence present. The grammar of my boyhood taught me to say *If I be, if he be*, as correct; and to regard *If I am, if he is*, as solecisms.

Past tense of to-be (G. R. cv).

3rd pers., sing. *was*. It must however, be noticed that the aspirated form *whas* occurs with some persistence: 55/24, 61/14, 63/23, 82/3, 116/22, 117/14, 129/10, 137/20, 149/23, 29. I do not know whether this is due to any Berkshire influence. Certainly, in my old Oxford days it was noticeable that College servants from Abingdon and district were very partial to the intruded aspirate. In my Essex village of Great Leighs a person who misplaces, by inserting or dropping, an 'h' is at once recognized as an outsider.

3rd pers. plur. This Oseney text differs from the Godstow text, so far as I have noted, (a) in having no example of the *weren* form; (b) in aspirating the clipped forms. Examples are:—

We were i-*zeve* 98/14.

pes *pynges* weer i-do 203/15.

pe saide controuersies whare i-sesed 58/15.

where [=were] 10/24, 138/30, 149/25, 167/5.

Subjunctive present of to-be (G. R. cvi).

The simple subjunctive has now passed out of use, and is replaced either by the indicative or by auxiliaries, *may be*, *is to be*, &c.

3rd pers. sing.—be.

that this my yife and graunte be sure and stable 8/1.

but [=unless] pe forfeite be such 45/28.

if it be of noþer hangyng 58/31.

that . . . hit be i-payde 89/22.

3rd pers. plur.—be.

where-so-euer in Inglonde pey be i-founde 10/14.

but [=unless] pey be founde in harmyng 45/33.

laste [=lest] pe same brethrin . . . hereafter be i-weried 67/28.

and that pey be not imparkid 86/30.

3rd pers. plur. with *-n* plurality mark.

I wille . . . þat pe chanons . . . been quyte 23/16.

that pey and . . . here men been quite 35/24.

3rd pers. plur. with *-th* used as a plural ending.

[that] pese thynges of both parties beth . . . to be kepid, we have . . . behestid 75/9.

Past participle of to-be (G. R. cvi).

(i) the fully inflected form *i-ben* does not occur.

(ii) the clipped inflected form *i-be* occurs sparsely:—48/14, 58/30, 114/2.

(iii) the standard form *been* does not occur.

(iv) the usual form is the altogether uninflected *be* form.

pey haue be grauntid 47/18.

to haue be i-callid 89/7.

had be in possession 198/20.

had bee for pe tyme 200/30.

The verb 'to give' (G. R. cvii).

In the Oseney text *give* has less Protean activity than in the Godstow book. I have noted no instance of its exhibiting the initial *g*-. The forms that do occur are of the *y*- type, or (more frequently) with the old letter *ȝ* as initial.

giftes 67/24 must be left out of account, as a misreading of the MS. possibly by the most modern copyist (see p. 67, note 8).

Form—to yeve (G. R. cviii).

Present tense :—

I . . . yefe and graunte 25/15, 26/11.

I . . . yeve and graunte 54/24.

As the lawe yeveth 59/11.

Past tense :—

I . . . yafe and grauntid 181/35.

þe londe þat Elue pulcyn yafe 31/14.

þe saide chanons yafe to me 53/17.

Present participle :—

yevyng 11/14, 17/1.

Past participle :—

(a) clipped form, with *i*- prefix:

I-yeve at Tew 202/26 *datum*.

is i-yeve 52/18.

knowe ye me to haue y-yefe 203/30.

(b) clipped form simply:

I haue yefe 12/10.

londe . . . was yeve 18/22.

Neither the assumed fully inflected form *i-yeven*, nor the standard form *yeven* [=given] occurs.

Connected substantives :—

þe yefte 12/25, 27/31.

þys yevyng grauntyng and warantizyng 53/16; 70/11.

yevynges 27/28, 35/11.

oþer yevers aforsaide 35/29.

yife 8/1, 7 [possibly a clerical error for *yifte*].

yifte 18/14, 28/20; yiftes 35/10.

yfte 40/12.

Form—to ȝeue (G. R. cix).

Present tense:—

I . . . ȝefe and graunte 15/14, 20/11.

Past tense:—

I . . . ȝaf and graunted 105/26.

this king ȝafe to the saide Roberte 5/4.

my modur ȝafe to þe same church 26/21.

Present participle:—

ȝevyng 13/21, 29/30.

Past participle:—

(i) full archaic form:

I have i-ȝevyd 151/4.

(ii) clipped archaic form:

I haue i-ȝefe to the church 15/12.

þey been i-ȝefe 13/22, 40/4.

was i-ȝeue 20/5.

þey ben i-ȝeue 39/5.

i-ȝeue (at London, at Oseney) 51/17, 64/26 *datum*.

Connected substantives:—

by grauntyng or ȝevyng of princis 14/29, 46/12.

in ȝevyng vppe 149/27.

þe ȝevyng 134/20.

þe ȝefte 35/11.

þe ȝifte 8/12, 29/17; þe ȝiftes 45/7.

The verb : Inflexional forms.

Infinitive.

An anomalous form is found, the past participle being used in place of the simple infinitive.

but þou wylle doon myn commaundement 10/3.

Present tense : 3rd person singular (G. R. cx).

The ending -s is never found except in *is*. The regular ending is -*th*.

abideth 60/21; abidithe 141/11.

agayne-saithe 201/1.

comyth and saith 196/4.

floweth 63/27.

goth 123/13.

hath 46/11.

holdeth 27/10.

lieth 82/29; lyeth 14/23; lyith 110/22.

longeth 28/24; longyth 7/7.

ofteth 113/12; oweth 195/16.

passith 136/28.

perteyneth 26/19.

renneth 124/18; rennyth 64/6.

seyeth 83/rubric of no. 90.

sterith 17/12.

streeceth 49/23; streccith 181/26.

turneth 184/12.

witnysseth 8/20; witnessith 39/13.

yeldith 185/11.

There is one place in which the ending is dropped. It is impossible to say whether this is to be explained as a clerical error or as an instance of that tendency to drop inflexions which appears elsewhere.

When . . . it renne þorowgh all þe londe 125/22 *currit*.

Present tense : 3rd person plural (G. R. cx).

As a rule the *-n* or *-en* plurality ending is used, but there is a decided tendency to discard it in favour of the uninflected stem which has since become the standard form.

abiden 119/17.

claymyn 48/21.

comen 23/23.

conteynen 134/1.

doon 152/6 *faciunt*.

as þe tenauntes . . . doone and shall doo 50/10.

folowen 121/11.

grevyn 149/4.

þey haüen 25/2, 99/1, 106/23, 112/9; they haue 25/6, 126/33.

þey holden 53/28; þe templarijs holden 108/14.

acris . . . lien 82/27; lyen 52/29; lye 67/6.

pynges . . . longen 43/16.

gorys . . . maken 110/20.

Roger or his heyres mowen clayme 116/16.

þey often 152/10 *debent*.

perteynen 35/17; perteynyn 106/27.

purposenne 139/8; purposyn 200/24.

saïen 169/5; sayen 167/3; seyne 64/21; seyn 200/24.

þay schowen 169/11.

towchyn 142/23.

trowblyn 149/5.

þey willen 99/10, 206/2; þey will 99/12.

þe charters . . . witnessen 80/18; witnyssen 36/2, 171/19; þe charters . . . witnysse 45/8.

yelden 54/28.

There are also a number of cases in which *-th* occurs as ending of 3rd pers. plur. (G. R. cxii).

þe waye by þe which men goth 34/20.

as the newe dicke and the wall . . . closeth 110/24.

the foresaide Richarde and other defende . . . and putteth . . . and axith 167/24.

Past tense: forms in use.

The past tense was formed either by internal change of vowel (strong or old verbs) or by the *-ed* ending (weak or new verbs). Except for archaic spelling, or differences of vowel sound, these forms do not differ from the modern standard forms, and in pronunciation often are identical with modern dialect forms.

I aboode 67/18.

he axid of þe tenauntes 139/10.

he beheete 138/2 *promisit*.

he bunde hym selfe 152/14.

descendit 186/26.

as þey dyde afore 90/6 i. e. did.

Syre Reynolde . . . drowe . . . into plee 203/2.

the which . . . Syr Raynolde exceptid 205/21.

the saide chanons forȝafe 76/6, 96/7.

Roger gate John of Saynte John 120/28 i. e. begot.

þe . . . bishop . . . gate 98/10, 204/33 i. e. got.

Reynold impletid þe sayde abbot 203/18.

þe hundrede . . . juggid 84/25.

Eustach knowlechild 106/21.

I maade hit 109/22.

þe which the same chanons oftid to me 100/22; oftyd 203/5.

þe which I owyd to þem 96/8.

hee preuyd by a charter 203/8.

Roger remitted and grauntid 116/5.

þey saide 112/13; oþer seyde 112/14.

segid 66/13, i. e. besieged.

stryffe 89/36, i. e. strove, objected.

whee [=we] sware 174/6.

Joseph thoȝhte 1/17.

I vowing 29/23.

yed 81/12 ('go' + d).

In a number of cases, however, the modifications of the vowel of the stem is discarded, or the -d ending is dropped. Sometimes perhaps this is due to a slip in writing.

come . . . all his tenauntes 138/21, i. e. came.

our aunceturs þe which founde hit 33/12, *fundaverunt*.

wolde or knewe 139/12; wolde and willed 132/4.

Past tense: 3rd person plural (G. R. cxiii).

In a few instances the -n of plurality is retained.

þe disciples . . . eten þeim 3/27.

helden 11/24, 105/13.

maden 16/29; maaden 17/4.

token 4/11.

Past participle: Form I (G. R. cxv).

(i) i- + verb stem (possibly modified) + -n of past time.

This, theoretically the full archaic form in the case of strong verbs, hardly occurs.

The solitary instance that I have noted is

corn is . . . i-borne away 152/13.

And against that we have to set the clipped form:—

when it is i-bore away 144/9.

Past participle: Form II (G. R. cxv).

i- + verb stem + -d of past time.

This, as in the Godstow text, is the prevailing form. The alphabetical list which is given here takes as a rule only one
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example for each verb, and so shows the frequent use of this form. Occasional note is made of the disuse of the prefix in the same verb.

- haue i-acordid 162/15; hit was acordid 97/10.
 bese thynges wer i-actid 74/12; hit was i-actyd 202/24.
 goodys . . . i-alienyd 149/13; alienyd 149/8.
 haue i-appropriid 144/25.
 i-founde or i-arested 86/7.
 i-axid 10/12, 63/4, 90/1, 201/19.
 was i-beeldid 66/15; was i-belde 5/7; was beeldid 66/13.
 to be i-bildid and i-disposid 186/14.
 to be i-beried 29/22.
 to be i-brendid 87/1.
 to be i-browght in 118/13, 139/24; witnesses i-browht;
 forth 62/26.
 i-called 25/21, 52/15; i-callid 5/9, 53/32; i-callyd 51/25,
 i. e. named.
 i-called 131/17, 161/6, i. e. summoned.
 be i-cancellid 59/24.
 to be i-certified 112/15.
 may be i-c[h]allengid 57/24.
 i-chaungid 119/5.
 we have i-cited 137/17.
 quyte to have i-claymed 53/27, 124/35.
 yates . . . i-closed 18/27; groves . . . i-closed 38/4; parkes
 i-closid in 86/28; they ben i-closed inne 133/18; parkes
 closid in 44/13.
 hit was i-commaundid 196/14.
 pay haue i-commendid 131/1.
 the office i-committid to vs 38/27.
 to be i-compellid 90/31; to be i-compellyd 199/18.
 have i-compownyd 162/14.
 i-comprehendyd 201/23.
 so i-condempned 89/33; i-condempnyd 199/18; to be con-
 dempned 89/32; to be condempnyd 199/18.
 i-confederyd or i-bownde 5/2.
 haue i-confermed hit 71/4.
 hit is i-consederyd 197/1; hit is i-consideryd 197/28.
 artikuls in pe composicion i-contente 56/22, 177/34.

in þe which charter is i-conteyned 52/8; þey ben i-conteyned 37/7; as hit is conteyned 6/13.

we denunce them i-cursed 33/22.

to be i-dampned 38/17.

i-declarid 91/22.

haue i-dwellyd 10/16.

i-examined and i-swore 138/31.

hee whas i-feffid 196/9.

was i-foundid 5/11; is i-fundid 157/7.

i-gaderyd 155/25; i-gederyd 155/7.

• I haue i-graunted to þem 45/35; I haue i-grauntid 43/9; they haue be grauntid 47/18.

to haue i-graunted and . . . to haue i-confermed 19/18, 71/14;

I haue grauntid and . . . confermed 8/10.

haue i-grauntid and i-zeve 79/4; to haue i-grawntid and . . .

i-confermed 123/34; to haue i-grauntid and quite to haue i-claymed 180/5.

a counsell i-had 112/22; I haue i-hadde 43/6.

were i-hanged 207/10.

þe entente . . . i-harde 138/3; i-herde and i-vndurstande 90/18; 201/22. In combination one or other member readily drops part of its inflection.

i-joyned to hit 51/24.

we haue i-jugged 63/10; we haue i-juggid 63/13.

to be i-juggyd 10/22; be juggyd 10/20.

to be i-keped 103/15; to be i-kepid 131/19; to be kepid 62/4.

to haue i-lefte 98/12; was lefte 2/15.

be not i-lettid 50/30.

i-leyde 88/19.

well i-loved soones 13/15, 148/30; my louyd soonys 17/9.

i-maade 40/24, 53/18; to be maade 76/3.

i-made 46/21; 54/5.

i-meved 57/2; i-mevid 73/23; i-mouyd 201/23.

hit is to be i-mynded 81/18; hit is to be i-myndyd 136/26;

it is to be myndyd 5/1.

chanons i-myndid 42/22.

i-named 59/12; i-namyd 206/13; afore-i-namyd 189/6.

afore i-notid 91/5; afore notid 201/23; afore not d 199/5.

i-observed and i-obteyned 90/4.

- lawfully i-ordeyned 91/16.
 we haue i-owyd to pay 61/13.
 shall be i-paide 59/5; i-payde 89/22.
 to be i-paide 93/22; to be paid 69/2.
 to be i-paied 63/8; to be paied 69/3.
 have i-playned to vs 39/21; hit is i-playned 197/12.
 it was i-pletid 165/34.
 thefte i-preued 9/13, 35/27; i-preuede 34/4; i-preuyd 48/29.
 it was i-preued by feythfull men 62/29.
 we haue i-procedid 90/16.
 i-professed 14/31; i-professid 17/10.
 nothyng whas i-proued 63/3.
 i-punysshed 37/30; i-punyssed 119/11.
 i-purchased 14/30; i-purchasyd 40/9.
 whas i-purposid 200/22
 whas i-purueyed 161/4.
 i-receyued, i-swore, i-examined 90/11; have be receyuyd 10/17.
 i-relesed 59/14; i-relesid 53/26.
 i-repreued 202/14.
 i-returned 168/23.
 hit is i-saide 36/9; i-sayde 51/7.
 i-seeled 60/3; i-seelid 25/10; i-seled 60/20.
 i-seruyd 113/12.
 whare i-sesed 58/15, i. e. were ceased (discontinued).
 i-schewed 17/27, 71/30; to be schewed 14/4.
 is i-schortid 184/26.
 hath i-spoilyd 199/7.
 i-stered 91/10; i-sterede 73/13; i-sterid 88/28.
 i-stered and lawfully i-cast 209/15.
 i-stiked and i-sett 138/30.
 i-strechid 67/7.
 I haue i-strenghtid hit 87/22; I haue strenghtid it 100/28;
 to be strenghtd 88/22.
 I haue i-strenghtit hit 53/22.
 we haue i-strenghtid 75/13; we haue i-strenghtidh 150/26;
 haue i-strenghte hit 55/19; haue i-strengeth hit 56/24.
 i-suffrid 152/22.
 was i-sumned 106/19; whas i-summoned 126/29; whas
 i-summonyd 115/16.

whas i-tachid 197/16, 18 [by syncope for i-attachid]; whas
attachid 197/20.

i-thow3ght 98/20.

i-tithid 198/25; tithid 42/7.

thynges i-tolde 89/37; i-toolde 201/17.

i-tretyd 205/14.

i-turned 150/25; i-turnyd 204/25.

i-warned 15/5; i-warnyd 19/7.

i-weried 67/28.

i-willed 113/19; i-wylled 114/8; i-wyllyd 204/1.

i-witnessed 62/22.

i-wollyd 164/26.

i-woned 28/33; i-wonyd 27/4; dewe and wonyd 133/4.

i-wooned 128/7; owre syne woonyd 133/19.

to be i-zelded 53/28.

to have i-3elded, haue i-grauntid, and . . . haue i-confermed
79/29; we haue i-3elde also and haue i-grauntid 80/5.

Past participle: Form III (G. R. cxviii).

i- + verbal stem with vowel modified:
without -n or -d.

Several verbs show tendency to discard the archaic prefix.

þe composicion i-begunne 73/18.

they haue i-bownde þem-selfe 155/26.

i-chose 50/8, 206/21, i.e. past part. of to-chese: but notice also
to be chose 145/11.

they haue i-fedde 152/20.

hath i-flowe 45/21, i.e. past part. of to-flee.

i-founde 24/4; i-fownde 10/14.

haue be i-founde or i-arestid 86/7.

we haue i-founde and i-groundid 90/22.

þey haue i-gete hit 58/22; he hath gete 89/21.

hit is i-goote 89/19.

i-rede and i-vndurstande 84/24: see p. xlviii.

to haue i-runne in 114/27; to be runne in 111/34.

hit is i-say 119/2, past part. of to-see: notice also the form
without modification of stem-vowel, we haue i-see 36/14.

to be i-spedde 111/9.

i-sprunge 60/17.

i-swore, i-swere 90/5.

i-3efe and i-doo 87/27.

Past participle: Form IV (G. R. cxviii).

i- + plain verbal stem only.

Many verbs show tendency to discard the archaic prefix.

that hath i-come 57/21; to haue i-cumme inne 68/16.

his wikudnesse i-do 47/25; these thynges were i-do 63/14;
to be do 34/6.

pat pat is i-doo 60/17; hit was i-doo 84/9; to be doo 90/2.
had i-drawe þem 60/9.

hit is i-goo 32/8, 142/5.

were i-holde 56/9; þey be holde 37/21.

to be i-holde and i-hād 97/16; to be holde and had 7/21; to
be had and to be holde 53/2.

to be i-know and i-terminated 84/7.

be hit i-know 36/17; to be know 10/23.

be hit i-knowe 5/17; been knowe 17/15.

þe hey is i-mowe and i-leuyd 52/9.

i-pliȝht 55/18; i-plyȝht 84/8.

to be i-put 64/13; I haue i-putt 7/13; haue i-putte þem
selfe 49/2.

to be i-put to 91/4; i-putt owte 18/27.

i-set 37/2; i-sett 6/10, 93/23; i-sette 74/11.

the which was i-sley 120/27.

had i-sowe 151/33; to be sowe 155/16.

haue i-subjecte þem selfe 56/16.

i-take 18/33, 140/2; to be take 128/29.

be þere i-thresshe 144/7; be thresshe 144/4.

afore i-write 32/27, 100/11; hit is i-write above 77/14; been
fully write above 79/22.

As in the Godstow text (G. R. cxix), there are variant forms of
the i- prefix.

in tymes a-passid 133/14.

Reynolde whas y-ffeyd 203/7.

they be not imparked nor y-poyned 24/4.

to haue y-yefe 203/30.

Past participle : Form V (G. R. cxix).

Forms coincident with, except for archaic spelling, modern standard forms, and obtained from the verb-stem (a) by adding -n; (b) by adding -d; (c) by modifying the stem-vowel.

(a) verb-stem with -n added.

rewarde . . . behoten 4/14.
my first borne soone 182/15.
to be done 67/26; schall be doone 127/13; the miracle doen 3/4; to be do 137/7.
within writen 142/13; the charter afore writen 130/24.

(b) verb-stem with -d added.

we have avised 14/4.
was beeldid 66/13.
we haue surely behestid 75/10.
convictyd 10/19.
delyuered 10/18.
heled 3/11; heledde 3/18.
to haue quyte-claymed 74/21.
have be receyuyd 10/17.
to haue relesed 74/21.
the sayed crofte 7/9; the sayde church 8/11.
to be sowed 155/15; to be sowe 155/16.
to be vexid 10/3.

(c) verb-stem with modified vowel.

þey be founde 45/33.
vnbroke 14/31.

Past participle : Form VI (G. R. cxxi).

There are numerous examples which show how strong was the tendency to discard inflexions in verbal forms built up with auxiliary verbs and to use the bare verb-stem. It would be of interest to discover what influences arrested this movement, and caused these numerous 'clipped forms' to be banished both from spoken and written English. Several examples have been given above, by way of contrast with other, longer forms. A handful may be added here.

my first boor sone 106/32, i.e. born.

delegate 57/3, 60/10.

devote 202/12.

to be do 10/2; to be doo 108/19; these thynges were doo
59/30.

to be take 92/24.

to be understande 51/23.

vnderwrite 6/9.

to be withdrawe 113/26.

to be withholde 39/23.

to be 3elde 9/17.

Past participle: conjoined forms (G. R. cxxii).

As in the Godstow text, we have in this Oseney fragment a multitude of instances in which the accumulation of two or more past participles is accompanied by the dropping by one or other member of the group of part of the inflexion.

In the group which may be taken first, the archaic form comes first and is followed by the shortened form.

i-actid or do 88/23.

i-alienyd or . . . withdrawe 149/13.

i-bowghte or solde 10/12.

i-browght forth and examined 62/24.

to be i brow3ght ayene and to be restoryd 201/2.

i-cesyd or sospite 205/18.

i-confermed and plesid 87/17.

i-founde or arestid 43/22.

was i-founde and callyd 208/28.

i-funde and preuyd 201/28.

i-foundid and made 30/4.

i-foundid and sett 13/23.

i-foundyd or groundyd 201/28.

to be i-gete and gaderid 59/3.

i-grauntid or to be grauntid 50/6.

to haue i-graunted and confermed 8/27; i-grauntid and con-
fermed 12/24; i-grauntyd and conferme 205/3.

haue i-grauntid and take 117/29.

be not i-byndred or apeyred 144/12.

to have i-lokyd or seen 85/10.

i-say and vndurstande 150/2 : *supra* p. xliii.

i-sette or ordeyned 91/13.

i-sette and stiked 138/26.

haue i-3efe and graunted and . . . confermed 7/16; 68/19.

haue i-3eve, grauntid, lefte 63/18.

haue i-3eve and grauntid 64/2.

The above forms are all of the i- prefix type. But the same shortening of inflexion in the second participle occurs where the first has dropped that prefix.

ben alienyd vnlawfully and distracte 149/8.

to be conuertid or turne 112/26.

interrupte or breke 145/1.

In a second group, apparently much smaller, the shorter form comes first, followed by the archaic form.

to be assynyd and to [be] i-yeve 203/35.

to be had and to be i-holde 174/16.

to be holde and i-had 96/18.

to be saide and to be i-performed 139/1.

beyng or i-sett 41/27.

This second group, also, has attached to it combinations without the i- prefix with a shorter form placed first.

date and actid 92/18.

pey haue be take and attached 86/23.

Plural of nouns (G. R. cxxiii).

Plurals ending in -n.

brethren 46/6; brethrin 33/15, 67/27; breperyn 17/9;

brethryn 31/2, 40/2; brethryne 13/20.

children 32/1; childron 65/9, 154/16.

kyne 91/19, 114/34.

oxen 114/34; oxon 27/14.

Plural instead of collective.

offryng of true pepuls 17/24.

But the collective form is also found:—

all pepull 93/10.

Collective instead of plural.

This Oseney fragment agrees with the Godstow text in treating 'mark' the coin as a collective. 'Markes' 196/1, 28 is in error.

vi. marke of siluer 53/17.

x. marke of sterlyngis 156/8.

xl. marke of siluer 147/6.

On the other hand, plow-land is found in the plural.

two plow-londes 126/27.

Plural of nouns ending in sibilants (G. R. cxxiv).

The tendency to drop the plural suffix is in evidence, but not markedly.

witnesses 12/20; wittenesses 82/17; witnisses 69/10;

witnysses 52/20; witnyssis 27/20, 53/23; witnessys

15/23; witnyssys 54/19

are a stronger cohort than

witnesse these 13/12, *hiis testibus*; these witnesse 66/2,

83/13; pese witnysse 56/30.

Plural of nouns ending in -al, -el (G. R. cxxv).

Here also the Oseney use is to employ the -s of plurality. I have noted no instance of *quarel*, or *sequel*, but *quarels* is in frequent use (see Index of Words), and *sequelis* is found 154/16, 164/30.

Sinodall 67/29 is without plurality-mark, but possibly only by a slip in writing.

An exception perhaps ought to be made with the rendering of *catalla*, chattells, where the collective form seems more usual. We have catellys 48/25; *but* catall 43/21, 86/5, 164/30, catalle 195/15, catell 10/13, 43/19, 45/2. Catall 45/34 seems to have crossed the dividing-line from the meaning *chattells*, goods, to the meaning *cattle*, live-stock.

Plural mark attached to adjectives (G. R. cxxv).

This Latinism is not absent from this Oseney fragment. Instances are:—

bisshopis diocesany 47/19.

all burdons and customs episcopals and archidiaconals 112/21.

pe chanons regulers 36/21.

demaynys londes 37/16.

divinis services 18/25.

But *Men tenauntes* 43/22 is still recognized.

The possessive case (G. R. cxxvi).

In the Oseney text the predominant use coincides with the modern use, except that the apostrophe-mark is unknown.

goddis blesshyng 39/15; goddis sake 41/21; goddis seruice 30/2; popis legate 38/8.

The tendency to separate the -s mark of possession from the word, which led (a) to the use of *his* as the possessive mark, (b) to the use of the apostrophe, is probably seen in such places as

Warner is sone 130/26.

þe pope is commaundement 61/25.

The possessive case is also used where modern practice would employ the construction with the preposition *of*. Its use in this respect often produces the effect of a compound noun.

with my present seeles puttyng to 95/17.

with my seeles empryntyng 93/25.

with my seeles pryntyng 87/22.

with my seelys pryntyng 93/12.

So also with the possessive plural:—

of sowles helth 13/18, *animarum salutis*.

Examples of the tendency to drop the -s mark of possession, to avoid sibilance, are found.

for god sake 35/7, 79/28.

þe bishop and archedecons customs 112/27.

þe burgeys medis 52/15; to þe burgeys spense 50/8.

owr lorde þe pope commaundment 84/7.

Possessives replaced by compound nouns (G. R. cxxvi).

When the -s possessive mark is dropped, quasi-compound nouns are formed.

In the first and larger group of these the Latin genitive, i.e. English possessive, occupies first place.

with our seele pryntyng 61/1, *impressione sigilli*; with my seale printyng 195/9; with . . . our seele puttyng to 68/1;

with . . . owre seale suryng 205/5 ; with my seele imprentyng 25/8.

Compare these 'seal-impression' words with the forms (p. li) where the -s possessive mark is retained.

So also

church censure 90/31, *ecclesie censura*.

howse rentes 38/10, *domorum redditus* : quite as in modern use.

this sentence executyng 90/32, *sentencie executio*.

in the same church parishe 90/25, i.e. in the parish of the same church.

In a much smaller number of cases the Latin genitive is put second in the compound English noun.

oony oper kynde beast 90/23.

charter confirmacion 87/8.

all maner possessions 14/1.

Comparison of adjectives (G. R. cxxvii).

The following examples may be noted here :—

better and freliyst 102/5, *melius et liberius*.

best and fulliest 109/20, 110/4, *melius et plenius*.

best or worschipfulliste 71/24.

the more weste rodde 176/5.

the crofte more weste 190/31.

moor surer and stedfaster 109/21.

more ny3he 49/23.

the mese mooste ny3este 159/29.

mooste deer 13/19 ; most dere 33/2.

Personal pronouns (G. R. cxxviii).

3rd pers. pronoun neuter. Usual form is *hit*, but *it* also occurs.

This pronoun is used to express the Latin impersonal verb.

pe way by the which it is i-goo to my courte 142/5, *itur*.

it schall be ffre to theme 144/7.

It is also used where modern English would have recourse to *there*, e.g. in 61/14, 64/23.

hit schall be dewe to the same Abbot . . . conuenient purueyng 118/16.

It is used redundantly, especially in complex sentences.

pe which . . . with this writyng we conferme hit 40/27.

þe harme . . . þey make hit to be amendid 44/18.

hit with my wrytyng . . . haue strengthid hit 100/28.

3rd personal pronoun plural (them) is found in a variety of spellings.

þeim 3/27; þem 14/30; þeme 17/2; theyme 3/15; hym 15/6.

Reflexive pronouns (G. R. cxxix).

Self is used without other pronoun, but also in combination. It is always in singular.

shall be of the chanons selfe 23/24.

passent of owr lorde kyng selfe 81/13.

hym selfe 47/24, 111/34, i.e. himself; hit selfe 68/28, 181/27,

183/27, i.e. itself; hem selfe 158/12; them selfe 119/6; þem

selfe 49/2, 56/16, 60/24, 141/4, &c., i.e. themselves.

The reflexive element is occasionally dropped, and the bare personal pronoun used reflexively.

them 49/27, 131/21 (but here it expresses, redundantly, *þem selfe* in the preceding line); þem 62/5, i.e. themselves.

Possessive pronouns: 3rd person plural (G. R. cxxix).

Their occurs in two forms:—(a) *here* 23/15; 37/27, &c.; (b) *þere* 45/31, 59/17, &c.

Relative pronouns (G. R. cxxx).

The which.

nom. sing. masc. *qui*: Stephen, þe which . . . segid 66/12.

nom. sing. fem. *quae*: the same church, the which . . . toke me 129/19.

nom. plur. masc. *qui*: Robert . . . and Roger þe which sett 5/13.

nom. plur. fem. *quae*: londis (*terrae*) . . . þe which ben 48/11.

nom. plur. neut. *quae*: myllys þe which been 11/20; seruices þe which . . . perteynen 127/6.

acc. sing. fem. *quam*: the church, the which I founded 6/5.

acc. plur. neut. *quae*: tenementes, the which . . . Robert . . . graunted 6/21.

dat. plur. masc. *quibus*: men to þe which this wrytyng shall come 55/20.

Which.

Which occurs once by itself, but it is doubtful whether *the* has not dropped out by mere clerical error.

i. 3erde which was of maurice chanon 16/14.

The.

The occurs several times by itself as a relative. It may, however, be suspected that *which* has been dropped out after it in each case, by clerical error. But there is the analogy of *der* in German.

a charter . . . the witnessith 166/27, 32.

a volate . . . the Hemimnyng preste was i-woned to have
28/32.

in cawsis the were i-stered 91/10.

the personys . . . the had bee 200/30.

Who.

to whome we wille 70/33; to whoome he wylle 204/4; men
to home 194/9.

whoos 112/9, i.e. of which.

Who-so-ever.

to whome so euer 99/12, 122/14, 207/27; to whoome so
euer 207/21.

What-so-ever.

what so euer 37/21, 115/5; what soo euer 202/23.

Demonstrative pronouns.

This.

In one place, 88/11, the singular *this* seems used for *these*. There is, however, always the possibility of a clerical error at the earlier or later transcription.

That: plural *tho*.

That is, of course, found as a simple demonstrative.

all poo tithis 118/22 *omnes eas decimas*.

in poo oper instrumentes 57/22, *in eis aliis instrumentis*.

in poo places where I haue woodys 87/2, *in eis locis*.

poo thynges pe which ben necessarye 88/18.

That is also found in use as a relative, standing in lieu of *qui*, in all genders and cases and numbers.

to alle þo þat forsake þe worlde 4/15, *omnibus eis qui*.

they that been present and to be 52/21, *qui*.

to euery man þat [=to whom] he wylle assyne þem 204/5, *cui*.

That is also found serving for the combined demonstrative and relative, i. e. *id quod*, that which, what.

doying [=causing] þat 3e decree . . . to be kepيد 131/19,

facientes quod decreueritis . . . observari.

In one place *that* figures for *it* in translating a Latin 3rd pers. sing.

bothe parties ofte in iugement in the-which that was a dooer to cese 206/8, *in foro in quo fuit actrix*: in the court in which *it* was plaintiff.

G or Y (G. R. cxxxiii).

This Oseney fragment favours the *y* forms.

It has been noted (p. xxxvii) that no *g* form of the simple verb *to-give* is found.

The past tense of *go* is *yed* = 'go' + d 81/12.

Gate is not found but only the softened forms:—

yates 18/26; *zate* 67/23.

Gild is not found, but *yelde* 69/20, 70/20; *yilde* 10/17.

In *again*, *against*, on the other hand, the harder forms perhaps predominate.

agayne 68/13, 119/1; agayne holdyng 23/24; agayne sayers 15/3; agayenst 7/11; agaynste 114/24; agaynst, 23/20; ageynst 21/15.

ayene 201/3; a3ene 157/6; a3ene saiers 149/15; a3enst 107/31; a3enste 7/25.

The letter h.

As has been noted above (p. xxxv), this Oseney fragment is somewhat unsettled in its use of the aspirate.

Instances of h being dropped.

is 126/32; ys 121/5=his.

owres 48/15, hours.

were 45/14, where.
 were of 52/29, where of.
 weþer 23/25, 84/13, whether.
 wich 116/10, which.
 Witsondaye 111/2.

Instances of h being inserted at beginning of a word.

helder 110/8.
 huncle 148/18.
 with our hyes we saw 39/13.

Instances of h being inserted in a word.

blesshynge 13/16, 39/15, 40/1, 131/11. This is the usual form: but *blesseyng* occurs 68/5, 148/32.
chanons 5/14, not canons, is the form in use.
proheme 1/1.

This insertion is especially frequent after *w*.

whare=were: *supra* p. xxxvi.
whas=was: see *supra* p. xxxv.
we 53/15, 138/5, 150/7; *wee* 174/6, 193/15,=we.
where=were: *supra* p. xxxvi.
where 20/19,=a weir.
whith 38/22, 99/15,=with.
whochesafe 149/6,=vouchsafe.
wholde 149/26,=wolde, i. e. would.

In the case of *heir* both spellings are found.

heyres 26/6, 35/8, 82/32, 128/29.
 eyres 23/12, 37/22, 121/22, 157/3.

Analysis of Field-names (G. R. cxxxiv).

The field-names which are found in this Oseney fragment are built up of the same elements as those found in the Godstow book, and may be analysed in the same way. They represent an old-world nomenclature which has almost entirely passed into oblivion. I have been through the records of several Essex parishes, and my conclusion is that few of the field-names found in the Tithe Apportionments (1840-50) go back through the eighteenth century into the seventeenth. Starting from the other end, I

question whether many of the fifteenth-century field-names survived till the seventeenth century. It is only names of *farms* which go far back.

In many of these names the real form is very uncertain. Rev. H. E. Salter's edition of the Latin Cartulary will no doubt set right quite a number of them.

acre.

ffyfe acris, fiff acre, Hooknorton
176/31, 184/14.
smoc acre, Ludwell 140/25.
twenty acre, xx^{ti} acris, Oxford,
6/27, 7/21, 50/13, 72/9.

bach.

dene bache, Hensington 107/28.

bede.

swchewirth bede, Hooknorton
191/26.

borow.

Bradmore berewes, Oxford 57/
20.
fif borogh, Hooknorton 191/1.
mayden berow, Hooknorton 176/
25.

brech.

brech, Handborough 82/23, 26.
Benete brech, Claydon 27/2,
28/30, 30/25.
Moyle breche, Barton 134/2.
Wad brech, Hooknorton 110/17,
183/29, &c.; wat brach 173/
18; wac breche 176/19.

breyne.

Kates breyne, Hooknorton 191/2.

bridge.

Astwelle brugge, Hooknorton
191/5.

brink.

brynge, Hooknorton 183/26.

brook.

smale broke, Hooknorton 176/
25.
longe smale broke, Hooknorton
190/23.
winter broc, Oxford 58/5.

combe.

Helecumbe, Holecumbe, Hook-
norton 178/14.
Widecombe, wydecumbe, Hook-
norton 171/32, 172/30.

croft.

Bere crofte, Oxford 58/11.
Denys croft, Oxford 7/5, 8/9.
longe crofte, Ludwell 141/1.
Sibre crofte, Sib croft, Claydon
26/29, 28/39, 30/27.
Parrocs croft, Hooknorton 175/
14.
West crofte, Hooknorton 180/
30.
Wolstan croft, Wulstanes croft,
Hooknorton 183/11, 190/33.

cross.

cross, Barford 207/23.

delf.

Shendegifte stam delf, Little
Tew, 151/15.

ditch.

Botted dich, Botod dich, Hook-
norton 180/30, 190/18.
longe swynes dich, Hooknorton
190/22.
new diche, Barton 110/24.

Otehall dicke, Hooknorton 176/
29, 191/2.

Rowenhulles dicke, Hooknorton
191/23.

dole.

Smech dole 180/18, smede doll,
Hooknorton 172/7, 174/2.

down, dune, den.

the downe, Hooknorton 190/30,
33.

aluye dene, Ludwell 140/27.

lang doune, Barford 207/26.

lang dene, Hooknorton 190/26.

litell dene, Ludwell 140/30.

longe rammes dene, Ludwell
140/29.

rams dune, Barton 134/1.

ruy don, Hooknorton 191/5.

Willames dene, Barton 122/2.

Wytere den, Claydon 171/29.

ee.

Eld ee, Oxford 52/15, 57/29.

ei, ey.

langen eye, Oxford 14/23, 18/
17, 31/10, 57/22, 65/18.

Medl ey: *see* ley.

Osen ey 11/3, 12/26, 20/16,
28/1.

rith i, Hensington 107/ *n.* 5.

slich y, Hensington 107/29.

snelles ey, Oxford 60/12.

sperwes aye, sparewes eye,
Watereaton 12/11, 14/13,
27/12, 28/25.

end.

crotteslondes ende, Barton 130/
4.

forth sheter, Hooknorton 176/5.

hertelfeet, Hooknorton 182/5.

field.

alde felde, Weston 172/18.

est feld, Hooknorton 176/28,

187/12, 189/17, 29, 190/29

est felde, Ludwell 140/32.

north felde, Barton 129/33,

133/31.

north felde, Hensington 107/27,

110/16.

north felde, Hooknorton 184/12.

north felde, Little Tew 151/8.

Prestes felde, Hooknorton 26/

17, 30/21, 171/32, 172/30.

sowth feld, Barton 130/5, 133/
32.

sowthe felde, Hensington 107/

30, 110/19.

sowth feld, Little Tew 151/12.

west felde, Hooknorton 176/19,

187/9, 189/16, 190/16.

west felde, Ludwell 140/21.

fold.

stodefolde, Claydon 27/1, 28/30;

but stode-forde 30/25.

stod fold, Kidlington 101/4;

stot fold 100/23.

ford.

Bam forde, Barton 122/4.

Gose forde, Kidlington 103/3.

Roghe ford, Hensington 110/28

Slotre forde, Barton 122/8, 9.

Stode forde, Claydon: *see* stode
fold *supra*.

Uuer ford, Oxford 68/27.

furlong.

alues hammes furlonge, Hook-
norton 190/26.

brere furlong, Barton 133/32.

bykewey furlonge, Ludwell 140/
29.

crofte furlonge, Heyford 144/26.

ete furlong, Barton 122/10.

grene dich furlonge, Ludwell

141/7.

hal furlonge, Barton 129/34.
 hunt furlonge, Barton 130/7.
 hurstaine furlonge, Barton 130/
 2.

lang furlong, Barton 122/10;
 longe furlong 130/1, 8.

lang furlong, Hooknorton 176/7,
 190/20.

litell den furlong, Ludwell 140/
 27.

Mede furlonge, Hooknorton
 183/31.

merewell furlong, Hooknorton
 183/32, 191/26.

middul furlong, Hooknorton
 190/20; medul furlonge 176/
 20; mydull furlonge 184/27.

medel furlong, Kidlington 101/8.

middel furlong, Ludwell 140/23.

myddul furlong, Barton 122/8,
 130/7.

more furlong, Heyford 144/27.

nambre furlong, Heyford 144/
 27.

orchardes forlong, Hensington
 107/30.

Ragge wey furlong, Barton 122/
 7.

ruelle furlong, Heyford 144/26.

slog furlong, Hooknorton 183/
 31.

Vt furlong, Barton 130/1.

Giberis, Gilbers, Oxford 57/20.

gore.

gore, Ludwell 141/1, 4.
 olde gore, Hooknorton 176/29.
 wyllogh gore, Rousham 142/33.

grene, the, Ludwell 140/24.

hale.

depcat halle, Little Tew 151/10.
 kyngys brugge hale, Claydon
 27/1, 28/30, 30/27.

lange hale, Barton 122/3.

lede hale, Perry 172/12.

mede halle, Claydon 29/16: *see*
 hill.

ham.

brade ham, Kidlington 102/4.

cann ham, Kidlington 100/24.

cu ham, Hooknorton 95/6.

fullyngemylle ham, Oxford 29/
 12.

goces ham, Oxford 54/26.

med ham, Barton 130/30.

medel ham, Claydon 30/26: *see*
 hale, hill.

Northam, Oxford 21/26; 57/7,
 24; 58/27, 30.

Senes ham, Suenes ham, Claydon
 26/29, 28/29.

Siden ham, Oxford 21/12.

Spetes ham, Claydon 171/28.

Suddenam, Hooknorton 183/10,

Wiggelanam, Wyggeladam,
 Hooknorton 178/16.

heath.

heth, Ledwell 138/24.

hegg.

Wowyne hegge, Hensington
 107/32.

heued.

rammedenys heued, Ledwell
 140/28.

hill, hull.

butur hulle, Hooknorton 26/17,
 30/21.

flex hulle, Hooknorton 190/18.

lodewell hille, Hooknorton 183/
 33.

mapel doorwelle hulle, Ludwell
 141/6.

mede hulle, Claydon 26/28: *see*
 hale.

ote hulle, Hooknorton 173/18,
 176/5, 183/24, 189/17.

rokes hull, Hooknorton 177/14.
rowein hulle, Hooknorton 188/

33.

scapell hull, Hooknorton 176/27:
see stapell hulle.

stapell hulle, stapull hulle, Hook-
norton 187/11; 188/9, 21;
190/17; 191/24.

stapen hulle, Hooknorton 176/
n. 3.

white ote hulle, Little Tew
151/8.

holde.

Dodden denes holde, Barton
134/32.

hole.

depekāt hole, Little Tew 151/
n. 1.

hurst.

hurst, Oxford 29/13.

lake.

Gerardis lake, Hooknorton 176/
32, 34.

Karsewalle lake, Hooknorton
180/9, 184/15.

Moneken lake, Hooknorton 191/
4.

land.

crot lande, Barton 122/7.

hangynde londe, Tew 151/11.

hanghende londe, Ludwell 141/
2; hangen londe, 140/23.

hanginde londe, Kidlington 101/
9.

in lond, Heyford 144/26.

lange londe, Ludwell 140/26.

lin londe, Ludwell 138/24.

meys heued londe, Ludwell
141/3.

the rede londe, Claydon 26/29,
28/29, 30/27.

shorte londe, Tew 151/15.

wolke londe, Barton 135/15.

wowe londe, Hooknorton 176/
24.

wrighe de londe, Ledwell 140/22.

lawe.

Cudes lawe, Oxford 21/11, 32/
9, 57/13.

schucke lawe, Barton 122/3.

stane lawe, Barton 130/6.

ley: possibly *-ey*.

mideley, middeleye, midleye,
Oxford 31/11; 58/2; 69/11;
70/6, 24; 71/20. [Medley is
the modern name. Ought it like
other neighbouring names to
be divided as Med-ley, Cow-
ley, Iff-ley: or is it best re-
presented by the older form
and divided as Mid-dle-ey?
I am now in doubt.]

wyueleye, Oxford 21/6, 58/23,
59/2.

linch.

lynch, Oxford 21/6, 58/30.

dene linche, Hensington 107/28.

mead.

ayleryches mede, Ludwell 140/
34.

burgeys medis, Oxford 52/15.

bolestake, Oxford: *see* stake.

brummanys mede, Oxford 21/4.

cu mede, Handborough 82/25.

heme mede, Hooknorton 172/9,
173/19, 176/35.

hunt mede, Bampton 53/32.

litel mede, Ludwell 141/2.

longe mede, Ludwell 140/26.

pit mede, put mede, Oxford 57/
8, 58/21.

mere.

mikell mere, Hooknorton 176/
19.

roleheme mere, Hooknorton
187/10, 27.

marsh.

marsh, Hooknorton 176/6, 183/30, 190/19.

mill.

Bakes mulne, Weston 172/17.
Martyns mill, Hooknorton 190/23.

more.

Brade more, Oxford 57/8, 58/22.
Copped more, Little Tew 151/14.
Frog more, Oxford 21/13.
Shokeiwelle more, Hooknorton 190/21.

ness.

Hoker nesse, Hooknorton 176/26, 190/21.

path.

roses pathe, Oxford 68/26.
pycke þurne path, Hensington 107/34.

ley pecche, Ludwell 140/33.
schelde, Hooknorton 184/24;
Kidlington 101/6.

slade.

brode slade, Little Tew 151/13.
little slade, Little Tew 151/11.
mylborewe slade, Hooknorton 176/23; milbury slade 190/24.
northefurlonge slade, Hooknorton 183/24.
north longe slade, Hooknorton 176/28.
slade, Barton 130/4; lange slade, Barton 122/5.
senewelly slade, Barton 130/2.

stake.

Bole stake, Oxford 52/27, 53/30, 55/5, 63/27.

stone.

hare staine, Claydon 171/29.
hertel stone, Hooknorton 182/5.

stowe. (?)

Costowe, Little Tew 151/35, 154/35.

street.

kyngstrow strete, Hooknorton 176/21, 190/28.
lambecote strete, Hooknorton 176/31, 181/27, 183/30.
smale strete, Hooknorton 176/21, 190/27.
whicheme strete, Hooknorton 176/33.

stowre.

stowre, Hooknorton 176/32, 190/26.

thorn.

the thorne, Barford 207/23.
prestes thorn, prettes thorn, Claydon 27/1, 29/16, 30/25.
threm thorn, Hooknorton 176/22, 181/25.

ton.

Neunton, Barford 207/24.
Walton, Oxford 6/11, 7/21, 9/17, 21/3, 27/13.
Westbecton, Barford 207/19, 208/12.
Westleicton, Barford 207/n. 5.

way.

brayles weye, Hooknorton 176/24.
bur weye, Bampton 54/1.
dennese wey, Barton 122/1.
grene wey, Hensington 107/34.
longe wodefordes weye, Hooknorton 190/25.
rugge weye, Hooknorton 191/3.
sonde way, Barton 135/13.

west rugge wey, Hooknorton
191/1.
wode wey, Hooknorton 176/22.
wode wey, Little Tew 152/3,
155/4.

well.

afte welle, Hooknorton 191/1.
brycte well, Hensington 110/18.
calde well, Barton 122/5.
fayre well, Hooknorton 190/17,
191/3.
fox well, Barton 122/4.
haraldes welle, Bletchington
172/23.
mere welle, Rousham 142/29.
rada welle, Barton 133/31.
rammes welle, Ludwell 141/5.
schalte well, Kidlington 101/7.
schokeres well, Hooknorton
176/n. 2, 189/15.
seyre well, Hooknorton 190/n. 2.
sholdres welle, Hooknorton 176/
26.

stoke well, Oxford 50/13.
threme well, Hooknorton 176/
33, 183/34, 190/31.
Wlsies welle, Wlsis welle, Hook-
norton 176/30, 192/4.

were.

ald were, Oxford 65/12, 66/7.
hale were, ? Kidlington 57/8,
58/21.

wood.

Cogges (or Gogges) wood, Kid-
lington 98/7, 26; 203/33;
204/13.

wyke.

wike, Oxford 67/12.

yard.

fyf yerde, Ledwell 141/6.
viii. yerdys, Oxford 14/30,
18/13, 30/33, 65/16.

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PREFATORY NOTE

THIS beginning of an English version of the extensive cartulary of the great monastic house of Oseney is of exceptional interest as a monument of the language, raising more than one important question.

Why was it begun? What members of the monastic community, entitled to knowledge of its most intimate papers, were likely to understand documents in English, and not understand them in Latin? .

Why, if begun, was it not better done? Every here and there, especially towards the end of the fragment, the translation hopelessly breaks down, and, without collation with the Latin, is unintelligible. Were English monks so ignorant of English as to be unable to turn a Latin charter into their mother tongue?

Why was it left off? Because it was felt to be too hard a task, or because it was found to be valueless in practice?

When the Introduction, which has been written, is printed, it will appear how deeply the work is indebted to the chivalrous help of the Rev. H. E. Salter, M.A., New College, Vicar of Shirburn. Here I make only temporary acknowledgement of his assistance, without which the text would have been most faulty and the supplementary notes in many cases mistaken.

The English version follows the Latin Register in its division into 'Titles,' i. e. heads dealing with special points or estates. After the general 'Titles,' the properties dealt with in the fragment are all in Oxfordshire.

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ENGLISH REGISTER OF OSENEY

THE MIRROURE OF THE LYFE OF CRYTE

	[a ¹] t the begynnynge the proheme of the booke pat is cleped þ ^e mirroure of þe blessedde lyfe of Ihu Cryste	The Life of Christ.
4	Prima pars pro die Lune	Monday.
	a devoute meditacion of þ ^e grete cownseyle in heuenð for þe restorynge of man & hys saluatiøn	i. Legend.
	<i>Capitulum primum</i> ²	
8	o f the maner of lyuyng of the blessed virgyñ maydeñ mary	ii. Legend.
	[<i>Capitulum secundum</i> ³]	
	o f the incarnacion of Ihu & þe feste of the annunciacion and of the gretynge Aue maria	iii. Lk. i. 26-38.
12	<i>Capitulum tercium</i>	
	h ow pat owre lady wente to Elisabeth & mekely grette heṛ	iv. Lk. i. 39-41.
16	<i>Capitulum quartum</i>	
	h ow Joseph thoȝhte priuely to leue owre lady seynte mary	v. Mt. i. 18-25.
	<i>Capitulum quintum</i>	

¹ 'a' is omitted, space being left for an illuminated letter. In the remaining chapters, the initial is a small letter, and space is left to substitute an illuminated one.

² Notice that the number for each chapter follows the abstract of its contents.

³ Omitted in the MS.

vi. Lk. ii.
6-20.

o f the Natiuite of ou^r lord^r Ihu cristē
Capitulum vj^m

vii. Lk. ii.
21.

o f the circumcision of ou^r lorde iesu
Capitulum vij^m

4

viii. Mt. ii.
1-12.

o f the epiphany þat is cleped þe open schewynge
of god
Capitulum octauum

ix. Lk. ii.
22-39.

o f the purificacion of oure lady Seynte marye
Capitulum nonum

8

Tuesday.

s ecunda pars pro die martis

x. Mt. ii.
13-8.

[o¹] f the fleyinge of oure lorde ihu in-to egipte
Capitulum decimum

12

xi. Mt. ii.
19-23.

o f the turnynge of oure lorde ihu from Egypte
Capitulum xi^m

xii. Lk. ii.
43-50.

h Ow þe chylde Jhesu was lefte allone in ieru-
sale^m
Capitulum xij^m

16

xiii.
Legend.

w hat maner of lyuynge oure lorde ihc hade &
what he did fro hys twelve yeer vn-to þe
begynnyng of hys xxx^{ti} yeere
Capitulum xiiij^m

20

xiv. Mt. iii.
13-17.

o f the baptyme of oure lorde ihu & þe weye
þerto
Capitulum xiiii^m

24

Wednesday.

[t]ercia pars pro die mercurij

xv. Mt. iv.
1-11.

o f the fastynge of ou^r lorde ihu and hys tempta-
cions in deserte
Capitulum xv^m

28

¹ Omitted in MS.

h Ow oure lorde ihu began to teche & gedre
his discipuls

xvi. Mt. iv.
17-22.

Capitulum xvj^m

4 o f the miracle doend, at þe bridale, of water
turned in-to wyne

xvii. Jn. ii.
1-11.

Capitulum xvii^m

8 o f that excellent sermon of oure lorde ihu in þe
hulle

xviii. Mt.
v-vii.

Capitulum xviii^m

12 o f the seruante [of] Centurio and þe sonne of
the lytelle Kyng heled of oure lorde ihu criste

xix. Mk. ii.
1-12; Jn. iv.
46-54.

Capitulum xix^m

16 o f þe paralytike man lette down in hys bedde
by hys howse hyllynge and heled of oure lorde
ihu cryste proughe þe beleve off theyme þat bare
hym

xx. Mt. ix.
1-8.

Capitulum vicesimum

20 h Ow þat martha was heledde of here sekenesse
be towchyng of þe hemme of oure lordes clothe

xxi. Lk.
viii. 43-8:
Legend.

Capitulum xxi^m

o f the conuersion of mary maudeleyne

xxii.
Legend:
Lk. viii. 2.

Capitulum xxii^m

24 o f the Spekyng of oure lorde ihc with þe woman
Samarytane atte þe pytte of water

xxiii. Jn.
iv. 1-26.

Capitulum xxiii^m

28 h Ow þe disciples of ihu plucked þe eerys of
corne & eten þeim for hunger on þe sabaoth
day

xxiv. Mt.
xii. 1-9.

Capitulum xxiiii^m

*Thursday.***Quarta pars pro die Jouis**xxv. Jn. vi.
1-14.o f þe fedynge of þe grete peple with brede
multipliede**Capitulum vicesimum quintum**

4

xxvi. Jn. vi.
15.o f the fleyinge of ouȝ lorde ihc when þe peple
wolde haue made hym þeire Kyng**Capitulum xxvj^m**xxvii. Jn.
vi. 16-21.o f the preyer of ouȝ lorde ihu in the hylle and 8
how After he comme to hys disciples goynge**Capitulum xxvij^m**xxviii. Mk.
vii. 11-3.h Ow þe pharisees & oper token occasion &
sclawnder off þe wordes and dedes of Ihu Criste 12**Capitulum xxviii^m**xxix. Mt.
xix. 27-30.o f þe specielle rewarde of ouȝ lorde Ihu behoten
to alle þo þat forsake þe worlde for his luffe**Capitulum xxix^m**

16

xxx. Mk.
ix. 1-10.
[un-
finished.]o f the transfiguracion of oure lorde ihu in þe
hylle.**[Capitulum xxx^m¹]**

¹ In leaving off, the writer has not even added the number of the last chapter of which he gives the summary. The headings given in this fragment correspond exactly with John Morton's Englishing of Bonaventura's *Vita Christi*, printed by Caxton and by Wynkyn de Worde.

OSENAY CARTULARY ENGLISHED

[1.] [V¹] *Of þe ffundacion off þe Chapell of Seynte *leaf 1.
George.

It is to be myndyd̃ that Robert Doyly and̃ Roger̃ of Iuory, sworne brethreñ and̃ ² i-confederyd̃ or i-bownde euerich̃ to other̃ by feyth̃e and sacrament, come to the conquest of Inglonde
4 with Kyng William bastarde. ¶ This Kyng ȝafe to the saide Roberte tweyne baronyes of doylfys and̃ of saynte Walerye.
¶ In the ȝere fro the Incarnacion of oũr lorde anno Mⁱ lxxij.³ was i-belde the castell̃ of oxonforde, in the tyme of Kyng William
8 a-forsaide. This robert doylly ȝafe to his sworñ broþer̃ Roger̃ a-forsaide A baronye, the which̃ is now̃e i-callið̃ of seynte Walerye. ¶ In the ȝere of oũr lorde anno Mⁱ thre score and̃ xiiij. was i-foundid̃ the church̃ of saynte george in the castell̃
12 of oxonforde, of Robert Doylly the firste and̃ of Roger̃ of Iuory, in þe tyme of Kyng William bastarde, the which̃ ⁴ sett in the seyde church̃ secular̃ chanons, and̃ certeyne rentes of the tweyne baronyes afore-saide to the seyde chanons asseynd̃, of churchis,
16 londis, tithis, and̃ possessions, and̃ other̃ thynges.

Notice of Robert Doyly I,

favourite of William I,

builder of Oxford Castle, 1072,

and co-founder, 1074, of St. George's church, for secular canons.

[Died about 1090.]

[2.] A⁵ charter of Robert Doylly þe ffirst, of þe ffundacion of þe church of Seynte George i-ȝefe to þe Seculer̃ chanons þe which̃ vnderfoloweth.

Claims to be about 1074.

¶ BE hit i-knowe to the feythfull̃ meñ of holy church both present and̃ to be þat I, Robert Doylly, willyng̃ and̃ grauntyng̃

Robert Doyly I

¹ For convenience of reference, the 'tittuli' of the Latin Register by which old quotations are often made, have their own Roman number assigned them. The English follows their order without giving the numbers.

² 'i-confederyd or i-bownde' is an alternative rendering of the one word 'confederati.' This double rendering, first by a Latinism, then by an English word attached to the first by 'or,' is a frequent, and sometimes a confusing, feature of this

translation.

³ 'Septuagesimo primo,' in the Latin.

⁴ The writer uses 'the which,' for the relative, alike for singular and plural, masculine and neuter, subject and object. Latin is 'qui . . . instituerunt.'

⁵ This 'charter' cannot be genuine, since it mentions 'king Henry' (succeeded 1100). It was possibly forged to establish title in some dispute with St. Frideswyde's priory.

granted, to
the secular
Canons in
St. George's
church,

St. Mary
Magdalene
church,
and other
possessions.

[See in no.
21.]

Aldithe my wiffe and my brethreñ Nigelle & Gilberte¹, 3afe
and graunted; and with this present charter conformed, in-to
pure ande perpetuall almes, to god and to þe church of Seynte
george in þe castell of Oxonforde and to the chanon̄s in hit 4
seruyng god and to þere successoures, the church the which
[I founded], for the helth of Kyng Henry and the welfare
of all þe reame Also² and for myne helth, and of my wiffe,
and brethreñ, fadurs and modurs, and of oū frendes, all þynges, 8
tenementes, tithis, and possessions vndur-write: that is to say,
þe church of seynte³ marye Mawdeleyñ the which is i-sett in
the subbarbis of oxonforde, with thre hides of londe in Waltoñ,
and medys, and tithis to the same church perteynnyng, (as hit 12
is conteyned' with-inne 'How⁴ the church of Seynte george
come.' 15)

About
1074.

[3.] A confirmacion of Roger of Iuorye of þe 3ifte of þe
saide Robert.

Confirma-
tion by
Roger of
Iveri (no. 1),

of his
brother-in-
arm's
(Robert
Doyly I's)
foundation.

[See in no.
21.]

¶ KNOWE þey that be present and to be þat I, Roger of
Iuorye, for the helth of oū lorde Kyng and of all the reame 16
and also for the helth of my lorde Robert Doylly and Aldithe
his wiffe and the helth of myne, haue i-graunted, and with
my present charter conformed, to god and to the church of
seynte george þe which is i-sett in the Castell of Oxonforde, all 20
londis and tenementes, tithis, rentis and possessions, the which
the saide Robert Doylly of his baronyis 3afe and graunted and
assyned to god and to the church of seynte george Afore-saide
and to the chanon̄s þere *seruyng* god: that is to say, the church 24
of Seynte Marye Mawdeleyne the which is i-sett in the subarbis
of oxonforde, and with thre hides in Waltoñ, ande þe londe of
twenty-acre. 1. (as þey been conteyned with-inne in the title
'Howe⁶ the church was i-3efe of seynte george to the chanon̄s 28
of oseneye': *vide notam &c.*⁵).

¹ Robert Doyly I had a brother Guido, but (so far as is known) not Gilbert.

² 'necnon et pro mea ac uxoris et fratrum, parentum, et amicorum nostrorum salute.' Elsewhere 'parentum' is rendered 'kynnesfolkes.'

³ Marginal note: 'Mary Magdalen's

church in Oxon.'

⁴ i.e. in Tit. VII (p. 20).

⁵ The compositor has represented the varying symbols of the MS. for 'etcetera' by special types.

⁶ i.e. Tit. VII.

- [4.] A charter¹ of Thomas Deen i-made to þe Seculer chanon^s of a Crofte called Denys Crofte. About 1140?

¶ BE hit i-knowe to all *Christine* men that I, thomas Deen, gave and graunted, and with þis my present charter conferred, to god and to the church of Seynte george in the castle of oxonforde and to the chanon^s þere *seruyng* god, all my Crofte with the *pertynences* * the which is i-called Denyscrofte, in-to free pure and perpetuall almes, alsomuch as to me ande to myne heyres longyth, to the chefe lorde yeldyng þerof þerely for me and myne heyres to the chefe lorde² vj. s. of sterlynges for all thynges. And I, thomas, and myne heyrys, the sayed crofte, with the *pertinences*, to the forsaid church and chanons a-gayenst all mortall men for euer shall warantize. In-to the 12 wisse of the which thyng, to this wrytyng my sele I haue i-putt. Thes witnesses &c^o.

Grant to St. George's church, by Thomas deen,

* leaf 1, back. of Deen's-croft,

subject to 6s. quit-rent to the chief lord.

- [5.] A charter of Brummanne of Walton i-made to þe chanon^s aforsaide of here londe In Walton ande twentiacre. About 1140?

BE hit i-know to all the children of the church that I, brummanne of Walton, for the helth of my sowle and of myne 16 and of all cristen, haue i-gave and graunted, and with my present charter conferred, to god and to the church of seynte George in the castle of oxonforde & to the chanon^s þere *seruyng* god, willyng and grauntyng my lorde Robert Doylly, all my londe, 20 with medys and oþer *pertinences*, the which I helde of hym in Walton and twentyacre: to be holde and had, to the forsaid church and chanons and to here successours, in-to free pure and euerlastyng almys. And I, brummanne, and myne heyres, 24 the said londe, with medys and oþer *pertinences*, to the forsaid church And chanons azenste all cristen men and Juys³, as owre free pure and perpetuall almys, shall warantize Aquyte

Grant to St. George's church, by Brumman,

of land in Walton and Twenty-acre (see in no. 6).

[Warranty against Jews!]

¹ Of doubtful genuineness: being antedated. The land, however, was actually a possession of Oseney, and is so found in the Hundred Rolls.

² The dittography is in the English MS., not in the Latin.

³ This warranty against Jews is quite out of place at this date, and is fatal to the genuineness of the deed. The insertion of

such clauses in leases and grants belongs to the next century (1230-80). Attention is drawn to the peculiarity by a marginal note 'warrantize: note.' A motive for forgery is suggested by the necessity of repelling St. Frideswyde's priory claims in St. Mary Magdalene parish, which were backed by a forged deed (see no. 54). The property was actually owned by Oseney.

and defende. And that this my yife¹ and graunte be sure and stable, to this present wrytyng my sele I haue put to. Thes witnesses &c².

About
1140.

[6.] A confirmacion of Robert Doylly of þe ȝiftes of þe Saide thomas and Brummanne.

Alleged
confirmation to St.
George's
church, by
Robert
Doyly II,
of no. 4,

and no. 5.

KNOW all pepull that I, Robert Doylly, graunted & [con-
fermed], to god and to the church of seynte George in the
castell of oxonforde and to the chanons of the same church and
to there successours, the yife¹ that to them made Thomas Deed
of a Crofte in subarbys of Oxonforde the which is i-called 8
Denyscrofte, of my fee, ȝeldyng to me and to myne heyres vj. ȝ.
ȝerly for all thynges. To² thes þynges, I haue grauntyd, and
with this my charter confermed, to the sayde church and
chanons and to þere successours, þe ȝifte the which to þem made 12
brumman of Walton of³ oon caruke or plowlonde of grounde
and a mese [and⁴ xxiv. acres of mead, which he held of me
in Walton,] and xx^{ti}. acris with a pasture with þe pertinences,
the which he helde of me in þe subarbis of oxonforde for his 16
seruyce: To be holde and had, to the forsayde church [and]
chanons and to there successours, in-to pure free and perpetuall
almys, as the charter of þe forsayde brummann, þe which to þe
forsayde church and chanons [he] maade, fully witnyseth. 20
and that þis my graunte and confirmacion be ferme and stable
for euer, to thys wrytyng my sele I haue i-putt. Thes wit-
nesses. ȝ.

About
1130.

[7.] A confirmacion of Kyng Henry⁵ þe sone of Kyng
William Bastarde i-maade to þe chanons of Seynte
George.

Confirma-
tion to St
George's
church by
Henry I,

HENRY, Kyng of Inglonde And Duke of Normandy, to 24
Archiebisshops bysshops Abbotes Erles Barons Justices shrevys
mynsters and to all his trew men frenshe and Englishe helth.
Know ȝe me to haue i-graunted and confermed euer, in-to
perpetuall almys, to god and to the church of saynte George 28

¹ *Sic.* Read 'yifte.'

² 'Ad hec.'

³ 'de una carucata terre.'

⁴ Added from the Latin.

⁵ 'Henry I,' in margin. A genuine
charter: original at Christ Church.
Among witnesses is Geoffrey, cancellarius
(1124-35).

þe which Robert Doylly foundid in the castell of oxonforde and to the chanon^s of the same church, all þynges and possessions the which the sayde Robert and his successours to þe same church 3afe: that is to say, the church of seynte Marye Maudeleyne¹ the which is i-sette in the strete with-owt the Northgate and . . .². Wherefore I wylle and surely commaunde þat þe forsayde * church and chanon^s haue and holde, weill and in 8 peece, frely and worschipfully, ande hoolely, and that all þe tenementes of the same church and meñ of þe chanouns be quyte³ of schyres and hundredys and wardys and danegeldys and all pleys, (and ⁴ of sake and soc, tol and teme, and infan- 12 genethese), and of all other quarels or playntes and exaccions, owtake murthur and thefte i-preued. Thes witnesses &c^o.

of Robert Doyly I's gifts (as in no. 2),

* leaf 2.

and grants of exemption from king's courts and king's taxes, and of feudal jurisdiction.

[8.] This charter afore i-write is fully innewyd⁵ By Kyng Henry⁶ the Sone of Kyng John, þe which 3e shall fynde In þe charters folowyng vndur⁷ ⁸ of þe ffredoms of Oseneye.'

About 1220. Confirmation by Henry III.

[9.] A Brefe of Kyng Henry⁸ þe Sone⁹ of Kyng William Bastarde of þe Crofte of Walton.

About 1166.

HENRY, by the grace of god Kyng of Ingland Duke of Normandy And of gyeñ and Erle of Aungy, to Hugh¹⁰ pleg. 16 helth. I charge the þat, ry3ghtfully and with-owte differryng, pou make to be 3elde oon crofte of londe of Walton, with all his pertinences, to the church of seynte george of oxonforde, þe which perteyneth (or longeth) to the prebende the which was of

Order by Henry II, ordering restoration to St. George's church of a croft of the prebend of

¹ 'Mari Magdalene,' in margin.

² i.e. and [the rest as given in no. 21]. Latin has 'etc.'

³ 'francheis: note the ffredoms,' in margin.

⁴ This clause is out of place, and 'of' ought to be 'with.' The clauses which go before and come after conferred exemptions from attendance at, and fees or fines to, certain of the king's courts, and from contributing to certain taxes. This clause gave the church of St. George feudal jurisdiction over its own tenants and servants. A correct statement is found in no. 13. In the Latin the clause is out of place, but

'cum' is given.

⁵ 'innovata.'

⁶ 'Henry III,' in margin.

⁷ 'subsequentibus.'

⁸ 'Note: Henry the I,' in margin: but it should be Henry II.

⁹ In error for 'grandson,' as is seen in the king's style, as also by the attached witness, John (of Oxford), dean of Salisbury 1165-75. The error has been copied into Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 187.

¹⁰ Hugh of Plugenet, lord of Headington manor, and so feudal lord in the north suburb of Oxford: Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, ii. 24-6.

Walter,
arch-
deacon.

Walter¹ Archedecun, And suffer not thereof any wronge to þe forsaiðe church to be do, or hit with vnryȝhtfull customs to be vexid. And but þou wyll dooð myñ commaundement, lete my Justice of oxonford do hit, last² þere-of more playnyng to 4 here I ofte. Joñ, Deen of Salisbury, Witnesse: at clarendon.

[10.] **Termes to Be declared for Euidence afore i-write, and also folowyng after.**

Explana-
tion of
manorial
terms: see
nos. 7, 13,
&c.

Nota. Soc is sute of your homage in your courte, after the custome of þe Reame. Sacke ys pley and amendys of mysdoynge of your meñ in your courte, for *sacke* in Englysh is 8 *cheson* in frensh, and hit is i-saiðe 'for the which sake,' *id est*, 'pur quele encheson,' and sacke also is a forfeite. Tol is that ye and youre meñ and all your homage be quyte in all mercates of tol i-axid of thynges i-bowghte or solde. Teme is that 3e 12 haue all auereyne of your bonde meñ, with here sute and cateñ, where-so-euer in Inglonde þey be i-founde, oute-take that if a bonde mañ quietly a yere and A day in oony towne pryvylegyd haue i-dwellyd so that in here communitie (that is to say, in-to 16 þere yilde) haue be receyuyd and as a cytysyn haue be receyvyd, evyn þerwith fro his bondage is delyuered. Infangenthefe is that thefs i-take in your lordeship and in 3our fee convictyd be Juggyd in your courte. Owtefangenethefe³ is pat þefes of 20 your lordeship or fee i-take with thefte be callyd agayne to your fee And there to be i-Juggyd.

[11.] [VI.] **Sequitur ffundacio Oseneye.**

Notice of
Robert
Doyly II,

HIT is to be know to all trewe meñ of holy church pat Robert Doylly the fyrst And Nygeñ Doylly where carnañ 24 brepreñ, the which come with Kyng William conquerour bastard in-to Inglonde. The sayde Robert dyed withoute heyres of his body; the sayde Nygeñ his brother succedyd hym in-to þe herytage as heyre, þe which Nygeñ gate Robert Doylly the secunde. 28

¶ In the 3ere of our lorde a þowsande hundrede and

¹ Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, died 1151.

² 'ne inde amplius querelam audire debeam.'

³ 'outfangthief' does not occur in any grant or confirmation among these documents. Cp. *Godstow Register*, p. 650.

xxix^{ti}. Robert Doylly the secunde, þe soone of Nygeþ Doylly
 aforsaide, founded the church of saynte Marye in þe Ile of
 oseney, consentyng¹ Theodbalde Archiebisshop of Caunterbury,
 4 And Alizaundur bisshop of *lincoln; in the tyme of Kyng
 Henry the ffyrst (þe soone, that is to say, of William Bastarde
 conqueroure of Inglande), at þe peticioñ of Edythe (þe dowghter
 of fforñ) wyfe of þe forsayde Robert Doylly, foundid was þe
 8 saide church.

founder, in
 1129, of
 Oseney, for
 Regular
 Canons,
 * leaf 2,
 back.
 at the
 instance of
 his wife
 Edith.

[12.] A charter of Robert Doylly þe secunde, foundar of 1129.
 þe Howse of Oseneye: Off þe ffirst ffeffyng.

BE hit i-knowe to aþ true meñ of holy church, bothe present Grant to
 and to be, þat I, Robert Doylly, wylyng and grauntyng Edythe Oseney,
 my wiffe and my soonys Henry and gilbert, yefe ande graunt, by its
 12 in-to perpetuall Almes, to þe church of god and of saynte marye founder,
 his moder and to þe chanons in hit seruyng god, þe which [I] Robert
 (Alizaundur by the grace of god bysshop of lincolne yevyng Doyly II,
 counseyle and confermyng) founded in the Ile þe which is i-called of
 16 Oseney, for the helth of the Kyng and the welfare of aþ the
 Reame And also for myne helth and of my wyffe and of my
 soonys parentis and frendes, alle þat is myne in þe forsaide Ile; (a) all his
 with aþ dwellynges þe which I had vpon the were² the which land in
 20 is of myne myllys þe which been by þe castell of Oxonforde; (b) War-
 and tithynges of the same Myllys; And pese churches³ of my ham-bank;
 londe, of Cudelyngtoñ, of Westoñ, of Hokenortoñ, of Cleydoñ, (c) tithes
 of Shenestoñ, of chestertoñ; with-in the borowgh of oxonford, of Oxford
 24 londys þe which helden Engerike, Raymunde, Ailnoth, Good- Castle
 wyne the soone of Edwachere, Ermenolde, Goodwyne Nicuma, mills;
 Suetyng Cadica, Rauenyng, Segryn by the Walle, Henry (d) six
 Corueser, leofwyne Haltyng⁴, Goodwyne money-maker⁵, rectories;
 (e) in
 feudal
 superiori-
 ty over
 eighteen
 holdings;

¹ 'Consenting' in the primate's case refers to a later (no. 34) confirmation. Theobald of Bec was not elected archbishop till Dec. 1138. Alexander was bishop of Lincoln 1123-47.

² Marginal note: 'Weyres & Mylles by the Castell.' The 'were' mentioned was the narrow strip of land between the eastern boundary stream of Oseney (i.e. South Oseney) island and the feeder of the Castle mills: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 313.

See more of it in no. 43.

³ The six names are noted in the margin. Kidlington, Weston-on-the-Green, Hooknorton, Chesterton, are in Oxfordshire; Claydon is in Bucks. 'Sheneston,' the sixth, was not in Lincoln diocese, as is shown by its absence from the Lincoln confirmations, e.g. nos. 14, 19, 26. It is Shenstone in Staffordshire.

⁴ 'claudus,' in the Latin.

⁵ 'monetarius.'

[The mint
in Oxford.]
(f) a rent-
charge
of 2s.;
(g) tithe;
(h) in Hook-
norton,
superiori-
ty over a
hide, and a
yardland;
(i) near
Oxford
castle, a
house;
(k) Water-
eaton
manor;
[Widow's
jointure-
land.]

with
manorial
rights to
wood,
fishing,
pasture.

Brychrik money-maker, Godrike, William, Raph Baker, Leof-
wyn budda, Geffrey Miller; and twey shelyngworth of Rent þe
which helde fromunde chapeleyne; And tithyng of Nichol of
Stodeham, þe which þe same fromunde chapeleynd helde; with- 4
in Hokenortoñ (myne Maner), halfe an hide of lond þe which
was off Hugh ffraunceys, And j. 3erde-londe, the which Maurice
chanoñ helde and after hym þe sone of the same; and by the
castell of oxonford, vndur the waif, a dwellyng þe which was of 8
Warynd chapeleyne; Etoñ¹ all my towne, with all thynges þe
which longe to hit (outetake þe Mille þe which I haue yefe
to a-nothe church², And sperwesaye³), And so that þat parte
þe which my modur holdeth, whenne-so-euer she stynteth⁴ to 12
holde hit, þat hit come in-to þe lordship of the church to þe vse
of the breþrynne: Wherefore I wol and pray þat weif & in
peece, fully and worschipfully, the forsaide thynges þe forsaide
church holde, with all customs and fredoms⁵, þat is to say, in 16
wode and playne, in Medes and ffedynges, in waters⁶, in wayes
and patthis, and all othe places, as euer oony oper man best
afore hit helde or my-selfe helde while þey were in my lorde-
ship. These witnesses Walter, Archedecun &c².

20

About
1129.

[13.] A confirmacion of Kyng Henry þe ffirst, þe Sone of
William Bastarde, of þe forsaide 3evyng.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Henry I,

of the
founder's
grants (as
in no. 12)
viz.—

(a);
(k);
(e);

HENRY, Kyng of Inglande and Duke of Normandye, to
Archibissshops bisshops Abbotes Erles Barons Justices Shrevys
Mynsters and to all his true men of all Inglande helth. Know
3e me to haue i-graunted and confermed, in-to perpetuall almys, 24
þe yefte þe which Robert Doylly maade to þe church of saynte
Marye þe which he foundid in the Ile of Oseneye ande to the
chanons þere servyng god, all þat was his in the same Ile; and
all Etoñ with his lordship (outetake a mylle); And, with-in 28
the borowgh of oxonford, men And londys the which he had

¹ Marginal note: 'Eton.'

² i.e. to St. Frideswyde's Priory, about
1125; Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frides-
wyde*, ii. 208. This is the mill, called
Hulk's mill (from the tenant), which comes
in nos. 76-7.

³ 'Sperwesaye,' here excepted, was after-
wards given (no. 24) by Henry Doyly I.
'Sparsay Mead' is still the name of the

large meadow, east of Cherwell, opposite
Watereaton Manor Farm.

⁴ 'destiterit.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'Note þe ffreedomys
agaynste Cudelynton & Hokenortoñ,' i.e.
against the Plecy family, who acquired these
manors, after the Doylys died out, and
were rather unfriendly to Oseney.

⁶ Marginal note: 'fishing.'

in his lordeship; and^r all churches of his lordeship (pat is to say, þe church * of Cudelynton, the church of Hokenorton, the church of Chesterton, the church of sheneston, the church of 4 Watlyngton¹, the church of cleydon, the church of Weston), with all thynges to þe same perteynynge in tithis And^r londes and^r meñ And medys and^r fedynge: Wherefore I wil^l and^r surely charge þat þe forsaide church and^r chanons holde, welle and^r in 8 pece, worschipfully, with² sacke And^r soc tol and^r teme and^r Infangenthefe, and^r that they and^r all tenementes and^r pere meñ be quyte of shyrys and^r hundredis and^r wardys and^r daneyeldis and^r comynpleys and^r all othe^r exaccions and^r playntes, outetake murthe^r 12 and^r thefte i-preued. Witnesse these: Alizaund^r, bisshop of lyncolne; Symon, bisshop of Wyrce^{tur}; Robert, Erle of Glowce^{tur}; &c².

(d) the six churches, * leaf 3. with Watlington added,

with manorial jurisdiction, and exemptions from courts and taxes (as in no. 7).

[14.] A confirmacion of Alizaund^r Bisshop of lincoln About 1145.
of þe fundacion of þe Howse of Oseneye.

ALIZAUNDER, by the grace of god bisshop of lincoln, to all in criste wel^l i-loved^r soones of the church³ to the which he is hede 16 (god⁴ beyng the doer), helth and the blessing of god^r and^r his. To the peticion, þe which to the stabylyng of religioñ and⁵ of sowles helth we know to perteyne, hit befalleth vs to assent swyftely and^r to make sure; where⁶ abowte, of owre mooste 20 deer^r soone Wygoode prior⁷ of Oseney and of his brethrynn, to pere ry3ghtfull peticions ly3ght⁸ assent we 3evyng, to þe church of saynte Marye (in the which þey been^r i-3efe to þe servyse of god) þe which in the Ile þe which is i-called^r Oseney is i-foundid^r 24 and sett, vndur þe defense of seynte mary and^r owre to be defendid^r we take, and with þe surenesse⁹ of þis present letters we make sure, by þe Auctorite of þe office that we vse, ordeyn- of all its estates,

¹ The church of Watlington was ultimately (about 1170) the gift of William Paganell (no. 37), confirming his father-in-law's (Halina de Bidun's) grant. It had probably been granted by Robert Doily II with the others in no. 12, but before Oseney could obtain possession (by death of the rector), King Stephen took the manor (1142) from the Doilys. The new lord (William de Chesney) gave the church to Oseney, about 1150, but the manor was taken from him, about 1154, before Oseney obtained possession. It seems to have been erased from no. 12, but retained here.

² Marginal note: 'lybertyes,' attached by a bracket to the lines which follow.

³ i.e. of Lincoln diocese.

⁴ 'deo auctore.'

⁵ 'et [ad] animarum salutem.'

⁶ 'Quo circa.'

⁷ The head of Oseney was originally styled *prior*; Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 210. Wigod, after ruling as prior for nearly 16 years (1138-54), assumed the title of *abbot*, possibly granted him by the pope when he visited Rome (1151).

⁸ 'facilem assensum.'

⁹ 'sanctione.'

particu-
larly (i) the
founder's
gifts, viz.—
six
churches
(five as in
no. 12 d,
and, in
addition,
Stone);
also, lands
in Oxford
as in no. 12
a, b, c, e;
Watereaton
manor,
12 k;
rent-
charge and
tithe, 12
f, g;
in Hook-
norton, as
in 12 h;
(ii) King
Stephen's
gifts, of
60s. rent,
and of
5s. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.
rent;
(iii) queen
dowager
Alice's gift
(no. 83);
(iv) Lang-
ney island;
(v) Robert
Foliot's
land;
(vi) Ralph,
son of
Siward's
land.

yng þat all maner possessions, all maner goodes, nowe this same church by the offryng of true men ryȝhtfully and lawfully hath, vndewyð¹ to þem, and to þere successours sure and vnbroke² Abyde. In the which, these we have avised³ to be schewed in 4 þere owne namys: þat is to say, þe church⁴ of Cudelyngtoñ, of Westoñ, of Hokenortoñ, of cleydoñ, of chestertoñ, of Stanes; and þat was of Robert Doylly (of this church founder) in Oseney, with all dwellynges þe which he had vppoñ þe were þe which is 8 of þe Milles þe which beñ by þe castell of oxonforde, and tithynges of þe same Milles, and all þe londe þe which to þe same church with-inne the borowghe of oxonford the same forsaide Robert yafe and with his charter confermed; alle Etoñ, with 12 alle thynges to hit perteynyng (oute-take þe Mille, ande sperwe-say), and twey shelyngworth of Rent þe which helde fromunde chapeleyne, And tithynges of Nicholl of Stodeham; with-inne Hokenortoñ, free seruyce of Hugh ffraunceys⁵ of halfe an hide, 16 And ooñ ȝerde of londe; and of þe yifte of Kyng stephyñ ande of thempryce, prebende of lx. ȝ. (of bensyntoñ, xxiiij.; of bamtoñ, xxiiij.; of Hedyndoñ, xij.), And of v. ȝ. v. d. ob. qua. with-in the borowgh of oxonforde of that londe þe which⁶ is viij. ȝerdys of 20 the Kyng, with all thynges perteynyng to hit, with customes and libertey; of the londe⁷ of quene Alyȝ, ooñ hide the which lyeth by Hanberge And longeth to stauntoñ; langeneye, with all pertinences, of the howse⁸ of Geffrey chamburleyne of 24 Glymtoñ; And the londe of the ffee of Robert ffolioth, of the yifte of the same, þe which lieth in the grete strete⁹ of Oxonforde; and the londe that Raph fȝth sywarde yafe; And what-so-euer thyng in tyme to be (god beyng mercyfull) by grauntynge 28 or ȝevyng of princis, or by offryng of true men, or in otheȝ ryȝhtfull maners, may be i-purchased¹⁰, to þem or to þere successours (Reguler lyfe i-professed) vnbroke¹¹ and undefyld

¹ 'inviolata.'

² 'inconcussa.'

³ 'duximus.'

⁴ The six names are noted in the margin. 'Sheneston' is not mentioned (p. 11, note 3). Stanes church (Stone near Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire) was the gift of William Bracy (no. 37).

⁵ 'Hugonis franci.'

⁶ 'quae dicitur Octovirgate regis.'

⁷ 'de dono.'

⁸ Read 'gift.' The translator has misread 'ex dono' as 'ex domo' (cp. no. 26). Langney was one of the islands, formed by streams of Thames, in the river-flat north-west of Oxford.

⁹ No. 26 shows that this is Cornmarket Street (not High Street).

¹⁰ 'poterunt adipisci.'

¹¹ 'inconcussa et illibata, eorum omnimodo usibus profutura.'

* abyde, to þe vsys of all þem to profete, sauynge dignytees and customs of the bisshop and of the church of lincolne: þerfore of this owre confirmacion agayne-sayers¹ and pluckers a-waye, and of this church robbers of goodes and wasters, if tweys and þe thirde tyme i-warned to satisfaccion wille not come, with the bonde of curse we bynde hym; Ande to alle to þe same place here ryghtes kepyng, be peece of oure lorde Ihu criste, þat here þe frute of goode working þey take, and, in tyme to be, rewardis of euerlastyng Joy geete þey. Amen.

* leaf 3, back.
Anathema against violators of this confirmation.

[15.] A charter of Robert Doylly the secunde vndurwrite, of þe Encresynges to þe forsaide writynges.

About 1140?

BE hit i-knowe to alle true meñ of holy church boþe present and to be þat I, Robert Doylly, above thes thynges þe which I haue i-gefe to þe church of god and to saynte Marye of Oseney whenne I foundid hit, for my helth and my wyfes and of my soones & aunceturs and my parentis, geve and graunte these encresynges², to þe same church and chanons in hit seruyng god, perpetuelly to be had:—a dwellyng of William fight Helg; and³ all mansions þe which I had vpon the were; and þe tithynges of my mylles þe which ben by þe castell of oxonforde; ande ij. shelyngworth of rente, ande þe tithyng of Nichol of stodeham, þe which fromunde Capeleyne helde; and my gardeyne with þe londe that longeth to hym of Eton; And Wydon reve, with all his tenure; And the londe⁴ of oo cotarye. These witnessys, fflowke Doylly, f. þis yifte I made, grauntyng my soonys Henry And gilberte and my wife and my broþer fflowke.

Grant to Oseney, by the founder, in addition to the gifts in no. 12, of

(l) in Oxford, the house of William son of Helga;

(m) in Watereaton, a garden; land of Wido reeve; and one cottar's land.

[16.] A charter confermyng, of Henry Doylly þe first, of þe giftes of Robert Doylly the Secunde his ffadur.

About 1152.

BE hit i-knowe to true meñ of holy church boþe present and to be þat I, Henry Doylly, graunte and with my charter conferme, in-to perpetuelli almes, to þe church of god and of saynte marye his modur and to the chanons in hit seruyng god—þe

Confirmation to Oseney, by Henry Doyly I,

¹ 'contradictores atque convulsiores.'

² But four of them had been included in his former gift: viz. no. 12 (a), (b), (f), (g); and it is possible that his house here called of William is Waryn's house,

no. 12 (i).

³ Marginal note: 'Weyres & tithings of Mylles Oxon. &c.'

⁴ 'terram unius cotarii.'

of his
father's
grants, as
in no. 12,

with
addition of
Watling-
ton church,
as in no. 13,

with
manorial
privileges.

which my ffader foundid in þe Ile þe which is Called Oseney—
for þe helth of þe Kyng and þe wellefare of all þe Reamð and
also for myne helth and of my wife and of soonys kynnesfolkes
and frendes, all such thynges þe which my ffadu to þe same 4
church yafe and with his charter confermed, þat is to say, all
that was his in the foresaide Ile of Oseney vnto þe mylles¹ of þe
castell; and the tythe of þe mylles; And þese churches, with
here pertinences, þe church² of Cudelyngton, of Weston, of 8
Cleydon, of Hokenorton, of chesterton, of Scheneston, of Wat-
lynton; And with-in þe borowgh of oxonforde londes þe which
helde Engerike and oper, as his charter witnesseth; and þe
tithe of Nichol Stodeham, þe which ffromunde chapeleyne 12
helde; and with-in Hokenorton dñ. hide the which was of
Hugh ffraunceys, and j. 3erde which was of maurice chanoñ;
and Eton and all þat longeth to hit (oute-take þe Mille).
Wherefore I wille and surely ordeyne þat nowe þe saide church 16
alle þe forsaide possessions and tenentryes holde, welle and in
peece, and worschipfully and fully, with all liberteis and his
ffree customs, in men, in howses, in woode and playne, and in
all other thynges and places, as euer oony other afore best helde 20
hit. These witnyssis &c³.

* leaf 4.
About
1185.

[17.] A confirmacion of Robert * Doylly þe thirdde, þat
is to Say, þe sone of Henry Doylly þe ffirst aforesaide
and Broþer off Henry Doylly þe Secunde.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Robert
Doylly III,

of the gifts
of his
grand-
parents, of
his father,
and of his
elder
brother.

BE hit i-knowe to all true meñ of holy church that I, Robert
Doylly þe sone of Henry Doylly, grauntid and with this present
confermyd, to þe church of saynte Marye of Oseney ande to þe 24
chanonß per seruyng god, for þe sowles of my predecessours and
of my kynnysfolkes, for my helth and of Henry my broþer and
of all myne, all þe tithynges³ þe which Robert my beele sire
and Edithe my beele Dame and Henry my ffadu and Henry 28
my broþer to þe same church madeñ, in churchis and tithis and
meñ and londis and medis and fedynges and in all þynges
tenentries and liberties, as þe charter of þe forsaide Henry

¹ Marginal note: 'Mylles, Oxon.'

donaciones of the Latin being misread as
decimaciones.

² Names of all seven noted in margin.

³ 'tithynges' in error for 'veynges,'

witnesseth the which (me beyng present and assent yevyng) to
 þeme he yafe. I haue i-grauntid also and confermed alle
 tithynges¹ þe which men of the flee of my faduſ to þe same
 4 church & chanons maaden, as þe forsaide Henry my broþer
 (me beyng present and assent yevyng) with his charter to þem
 confermyd. These witnysses: Henry Doylly my broþer, *ƿ*.
 mony oper.

[18.] A Buſ of Eugenyē pope iij confermyng þe forsaide
 3evynges. About
1146.

8 EUGENYE, bisshop, *seruaunte* of þe *seruauntes* of god, to my
 lound^r soonys Wigode prior of Oseney and his breþeryn both
 present and to be (reguler lyfe i-professid, *ƿ*) of² þe Apostlis see,
 to þe which³ (owre lorde disposyng) þowgh vnworthy we bee
 12 hede, vs sterith auctorite to ry3ghtfull axynges with dewe
 boðnyss⁴ to fauere, to þem namely þe which (wor[l]dly plesaunce
 i-put by-hynde) after⁵ þe purpose of reguler lyfe religiously to
 leve and to þe almy3ghty lorde been⁶ knowe to *serue*: for this
 16 cause, of⁷ my belouyd soonys in ouſ lorde, to yowre ry3ghtfull
 axynges we mercifully⁸ graunt, and þe church of the blessid
 marye moder of god and euer Virgyñ in þe which ye been sett
 to goddis seruice vndur þe⁹ proteccion of saynte petur and ouſ
 20 we take, and with þe priuylege of this writyng we make
 stronge, ordeynyng þat all maner possessions, all goodis, now
 ry3gh[t]fully and lawfully 3e haue, or in tyme to come by graunt-
 yng of bisshopis, liberalnys of kynges, yevyng of pryncis, offryng
 24 of true pepuls, or in oper ry3ghtfull maners (oure lorde graunt-
 yng) 3e⁹ shall be of powre to purchase, sure to yow and to your
 successours and vntaxid¹⁰ abyde. In þe which, these thynges
 we haue avised to be i-schewed in there owne names:—þe
 28 church¹¹ of Cudelyngton, þe church of Weston, þe church of
 Hokenorton, þe church of Cleydon, þe church of Scheneston¹²,
 Shenstone,

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by pope
Eugenius
III,

under
protection
of the
papacy,
of all their
estates,

and, by
name, of
those in-
cluded
in the
diocesan's
confirma-
tion (no. 14),
also of
(no. 12)
Shenstone,

¹ See p. 16, note 3.

² English darkened by following the Latin order: 'apostolice sedis . . . nos hortatur auctoritas.'

³ i.e. the see of Rome: cp. similar roundabout description of the see of Lincoln,

13/14.

⁴ 'benignitate,' boon-ness.

⁵ 'secundum regularis vite propositum.'

⁶ 'militare noscuntur.'

⁷ Omit 'of.' The Latin is in vocative case.

⁸ 'clementer annuimus.'

⁹ 'poteritis adipisci.'

¹⁰ 'illibata.'

¹¹ The names of these six churches are noted in the margin.

¹² The marginal spelling is 'Shenston.'

pe church of Chestertoñ; all pat was of Robert Doylly in Oseney, with alle Dwellynges pe which he had vppoñ pe were pe which is of pe Milles the which beñ by pe Castell of oxonford; And tithynges of pe same Milles; with-in pe borowgh of 4 oxonford, all rentis of londis pe which pe forsaide Robert 3afe to pe same church, ij. 3. of rent pe which helde ffromunde chapeleyne, pe tythe of Nychol.Stodeham; with-in Hokenortoñ, free seruice of Hugh ffraunceys of halfe j. hide, and j. 3erde of 8 londe; alle Etoñ with all thynges to hit perteynnyng (outetake pe mylle, and sperwesaye); of pe yifte of Kyng stephyñ, A prebende of lx. 3. (of bensyntoñ, xxiiij.; of Bamptoñ, xxiiij.; of Hedyndoñ, xij. 3.) and v. 3. v. d. ob. qua. with-inne pe borowgh 12 of oxonforde of pat londe pe which is i-called viij. *yerdys of pe Kynges, with all customs to hit perteynnyng; Of pe yifte of Alide quene, j. hide pe which lyith at Hanberge and longeth to Stauntoñ; of pe yifte of Geffrey Chamburleyne of Glymtoñ, 16 langeneye, with alle thynges to hit perteynnyng; Of pe yifte of Robert ffolioth, pat londe of his ffee pe which lieth in pe grete strete of Oxonforde; Of pe yifte of Hugh tywe, Stanhale, with all thynges to hit longyng; The londe Also pe which was of 20 Raph ffigt sywarde, and elueue pulchyn, to yow resonable was yeve; Of pe yifte of Hugh palestede¹, dñ. hide in pe same towñ, with pe consent of Henry of Estsexe²; Of pe ffee of William Bracy, pe church of Stanes³. We haue also ordeynyd pat if pe 24 fforsaide Castell of oxonforde fro diuinis seruices by chaunce be Enterdited, hit shall be lesuñ to yow notwithstanding, yates i-closed and cursed men or enterdited i-putt owte, in lowe voice to saye diuine seruice⁴; and your howseholde, and all them of 28 your⁵ paryssis pe which at 3owe turne inne by cause of hospitalite and perre hap to be sike and to dye, in your church 3erde ffree faculte to berye we graunt to yow. ffor⁶ pis, we decree pat hit be not lawfuñ to oony manne to troble frowardely pe forsaide 32 monastery, or pe possessions of hit to take aweye, or i-take away to withholde, to lesson, or with ony greuaunces to make wery,

* leaf 4,
back.

and, in
addition,

(vii) Ston-
nall in
Shenstone,
Staffs.;
(viii) El-
ueue
pulchyn's
gift;
(ix) Hugh
of Pole-
sted's gift;
(x) Stone
church.
Right
to hold
services
during
interdict.
Right to
bury in the
conventual
cemetery
all canons
and ser-
vants of
Oseney

¹ Hugh of Polested in Suffolk (H. Salter).

² 'Essexa,' in Latin.

³ Name noted in margin.

⁴ Marginal note: 'Note this priuilege to say diuine seruice, pe londe Enterdited,

In pe castell.'

⁵ Read 'other': 'et eos omnes de alienis parochiis, qui apud vos hospitalitatis causa diuerterint.'

⁶ 'Decernimus ergo ut.'

but all pynges hoole be kepide for gouernynge¹ and susteynyng
 of them þe which þey² were i-grauntid to profite in all maner
 vsis, sauynge þe auctorite of Apostlis see and þe lawfull ryght
 4 and reuerence of þe bisshop Diocesane. þerfore if oony man of þe
 church or seculere persone, knowe³ this writynge of owre ordin-
 aunce, will ataste⁴ to come agaynste hit, þe secundu or þe þirde
 tyme i-warnyd, if he amende not with conuenient satisfacciōn,
 8 lacke⁵ (or lese) he þe dignyte of his powre and of his worschip,
 and know he hym-selfe gilty in þe Dome of god of þe wikednyse
 i-doo, and be he maade straunge and ferre fro the most holy
 body and blode of god and of oure lorde agayne-byer Ihu criste,
 12 And be he vnder⁶ to þe streyte veniaunce in þe last dome; And
 the keepers and conseruatoures be filled with goddis blesshyng, &
 Joy they with þe rewarde of Euerlastyng blisse. Amen.

itself,
 and all
 visitors to
 Oseney who
 die there.
 Anathema
 against
 violators
 of this
 charter.

[19.] A confirmacion of þe chapter of lincoln of þe
 churchis of Hokenorton, Cudelinton, Waterperye,
 Cleydon, and Stanes.

About
 1200.

To all soonys of owr modur þe church to þe which this present
 16 writyng shall come, Roger⁷, Deen, and the chapter of lincolne,
 euerlastyng helth in oure lorde. Know ye all we to haue
 i-grauntid, and as muche þat perteyneth (or longeth⁸) to vs to
 haue i-confermed, to the church of saynte marye of Oseneye and
 20 to þe chanons þere seruyng god, churchis⁹ of Hokenorton, of
 Cudelyngton, of Waterperye, of Cleydon, of Stanes, with all
 þere pertinences, in to þere owne vsis, to be had and to be
 holde, also hooly and pesibli as þey holde and haue i-holde of
 24 grauntyng of worschipfull ffadurs bisshops of þe church of
 lincoln. And that þis grauntyng and confirmacion abide clere
 in tyme to be, this present writyng, with þe streng[t]h of oure
 seele we haue i-made hit myzghty and stronge. These
 28 witnyssys .ȝ.

Confirma-
 tion to
 Oseney, by
 the dean
 and
 chapter of
 Lincoln,
 of five
 rectories.

¹ 'gubernatione.'

² 'concessa sunt visibus omnimodis profi-
 tura.'

³ Read 'knowing,' 'sciens.'

⁴ 'temptaverit.'

⁵ 'potestatis honorisque sui dignitate ca-
 reat.'

⁶ i.e. subject to the strait vengeance at
 the last judgement.

⁷ Roger de Rolveston, dean of Lincoln,
 1195-1223.

⁸ Alternative rendering of 'pertinet.'

⁹ Stone and Waterperry, as in no. 37;
 the others, as in no. 12.

[20.] [VII.] Howe þ^e church of Seynte George was
i-geve to þ^e chanons of Oseneye.

* leaf 5.

Fiction that Robert Doyly II, founder of Oseney, obtained, in 1149, transference to his own foundation (no. 12), of his uncle's (Robert Doyly I) foundation (no. 2).

* IN¹ the 3ere of our lorde anno M¹Cxlix (in the tyme of Eugenyne pope iij, an^d of Kyng stheephyn, and^d of theobalde Archiebisschop of Canturbery, and^d of Robert of chesnet bisshop of lincoln), of Robert Doylly þe ij (þe which was sone of Nige^{ll} 4 Doylly) was i-geve the church of saynte George, with all his pertinences, to þe regular chanons of Oseney, and of Geffrey of Tuory confermyd—þe which afore was i-gefe to þe secular chanons in þe castell of Oxonforde : in þese wordes— 8

Pro-
fessedly
1149.

[21.] þe principall charter of þe same Robert Doylly þe
Secunde, of þ^e saide yifte.

Pretended
confirmation
to
Oseney, by
Robert
Doyly II,

BE hit i-knowe to all cristen^d men þat I, Robert Doylly, wyllyng and^d grauntyng Edithe my wiffe and my soonys Henry and gilbert, 3efe and^d graunt, in-to pure and^d perpetuell almys, to the church of god and^d of Seynte marye his modur and^d to þe 12 regulur chanons in hit seruyng god And^d of² saynte marye his moder þe which (counseylyng and^d confermyng Robert³ by þe grace of god Bisshop of lincoln) I foundid in þe Ile þe which is i-called^d Oseney, for þe helth of þe Kyng and þe welesar of all þe 16 Reame and also for myne owⁿ helth and^d of my wife and soones, kynnesfolkes, and of owre frendes, alle þat is myne in þe forsaide Ile ; with alle Dwellynges þe which I had vppon þe where⁴ þe 20 which is of my mylles ; and alle þat I had in þe borowgh of oxonforde or in þe subarbys ; and þe church⁵ of Seynte George the which is i-set in þe Castell of oxonforde, with all churchis and chapells londis rentis tenauntries and tithes possessions and other thynges to þe saide church of seynte 24

of his gifts
at Oseney
and in
Oxford, as
in no. 12
(a, b, e) ;
and grant
of St.
George's
church
(no. 2),

¹ An unskilful forgery. Robert Doyly II died September 1142, about a fortnight before Stephen began the siege of Oxford (Oseney Chronicle). St. George's was transferred to Oseney in 1149, by Henry Doyly, the founder's son. No. 21 is also a forgery. Whatever was 'de fundatione domus' was specially secure in the eyes of the law ; and there was a strong temptation to attribute later accessions to the

founder himself. The true grant is no. 23.

² This second 'and of saynte marye his moder' is unrepresented in the Latin.

³ In error. Alexander was bishop of Lincoln at the foundation of Oseney.

⁴ 'super waram.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'the graunte of the Churche of saint George to Osney with his appartenance ; the tythes of all the Castell, &c. & others : note.'

George perteynyng: þat is to say, þe church of marye Mawde-
 leyne, þe. which is i-set in þe subarbes of oxonforde, with iij.
 hides in Walton, and þe londe of ¹ xxti. acres, and þe tithe of þe
 4 same londes, and with þe mede þat is i-called Brummannys
 mede, with þe tithes of þe same mede, And with þe tithe of
 Northam ², Wyueleye, And lynch ³, and of all [the ⁴ lands and
 meads and other titheable things which are between] þe castell
 8 of Oxonforde and Henxsey or botely (þat is to say, in oxonforde
 shire), ande with oper thynges and tithis to þe saide church
 of saynte Marye Mawdefen perteynyng; and ⁵ þe church of
 Cowlay, with iij. hides of londe in Cudeslawe and other
 12 pertinences, and iij. hides of londe, and medis ⁶ of Sidenham and
 ffrogmore, with men tithes and pertinences; and þe chapel of
 þe ffrees, with þe dwellyng or mansion and þe londe evyn
 ageynst þe chapel towarde þe west, with ffeydnges and pastures
 16 and his oper pertinences; And ij. hides in Ernycote, with þe
 woode and oper pertinences; and þe church of Stowe, with alle
 þe towne, and with þe chapel of morton, and ij. hides of þe fee
 of saynte George in þe same towne, to-gedur with þe woodes and
 20 other thynges and libertees to þe church of saynte George
 perteynyng; and þe londe of Worton, with the tithe of j. hide
 in þe same towne; and j. hide with þe pertinences in Saunforde;
 and þe londe of fforsthull, and of Burton, and of bothe
 24 Stoonedale, with þe chapel in þe same, woodis, villenages,
 rentes, and tithis and other thynges of my fee, to þe church
 of Saynte george perteynyng; And half j. hide and j. 3rdelonde
 in Hokenorton, with þe pertinences; and ij. parties of tithe
 28 of alle thyng þe which is i-wonyd to be tithid of all demaynes ⁷
 of ayther honowr þe which lye to þe Castell of Oxenforde, þat

with all its
 property,
 viz. (1)
 St. Mary
 Magdalene
 with lands,
 meads, and
 tithes, to
 the north
 and west
 of Oxford;

(2) Cowley
 church, ²
 hides, and
 meadows;
 (3) Cutslow,
 3 hides;
 (4) Frees
 chapel
 and land;
 (5) Arnecott,
 2 hides;
 (6) Stowe,
 church
 and land;
 (7) Morton,
 chapel
 and land;
 (8) Worton,
 land and
 tithe;
 (9) Sand-
 ford, land;
 (10) Forest-
 hill, chapel
 and land;
 (11) Stonnall,
 Staffs.;
 (12) Black-
 bourton;
 (13) Hook-
 norton,
 land; tithes
 of the Doyly
 and Iveri
 demesnes,
 viz.

¹ The land called 'Twenty acres' lay in the north suburb of Oxford in the neighbourhood of the modern Walton Street. At the present day there is a field called 'Twenty acres' ('Twenty pound Meadow') in the west suburb, opposite the modern St. Frideswyde's parish church. The coincidence of name has sometimes caused confusion.

² A meadow by Cherwell, whose name survives in the modern Norham Road.

³ See note in no. 54.

⁴ Added from the Latin.

⁵ The clauses are out of order. The

Latin gives, correctly, 'and the church of Cowley, with two hides of land and the meads of Sydenham and Froggemore, and other pertinences; and three hides of land in Cutslowe with men, tithes, and other pertinences.' Cutslow, two miles north of Oxford, is a member of Kidlington (Wood's *Life and Times*, i. 353).

⁶ These meadows lay east of the Cherwell, opposite Christ Church meadow: see 'Sidnam' in Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. map ii.

⁷ i.e. demesne-lands: Latin 'de omnibus dominiciis utriusque honoris.'

(14) of six manors by Banbury;
 (15) of nine manors by Woodstock;
 * leaf 5, back.
 (16) of fourteen manors by Bicester;
 (17) of twelve manors chiefly in Bucks;
 (18) of six manors by Bampton;
 (19) of ten manors, Oxford to Boarstall;
 (20) of seven manors in Gloucestershire;
 (21) of six manors by Watlington;
 (22) of nine

is to saye, of Hokenorton¹, Swerforde, Bereforde², Wiginton, and of j. hide and dñ. in Edburbury³, and of j. hide and þe thirde parte [of half] of j. hide in Cornewell; and of Cudelyngton⁴, Throp⁵, Withhuil⁶, Hensynton⁷, and Northlye⁸, and of j. hide 4 and dñ. in Barthon Odonis⁹, and Rolesham¹⁰ of eyþer *courte, and of dunstywe, ledewell¹¹; and Heyforde, of Hampton¹² with Northbroke gaytorum, & blechesdon¹³, of Weston¹⁴, Burcetur¹⁵ with Wrechwike¹⁶, Buckenhuil¹⁷, Arduley¹⁸ with northbroke by 8 Somerton, of Mixbury, Willauston¹⁹, ffullewell, Hordewyke²⁰; Tynforde²¹, Westbury, Shaleston, Turesmere²², Stratforde²³, Turueston²⁴, and Caldewell²⁵, of Wyke²⁶, Thorneton, Thorneborowgh, Radecluyue, Haseley²⁷; of Burton²⁸, Kencote, Northton²⁹, 12 Bampton, Dukelynton, Escote³⁰ doyluorum; of bekeley³¹ of all þe towne, Horthton³², Morkote³³, and of dñ. hide in stodeleye³⁴ pat longeth to bekeleye, and of Asshe³⁵, of Wodepwyke³⁶, and pure³⁷, Elfelfelde³⁸, Ocle³⁹, and Horspathe; of Turkedyne⁴⁰, lituill¹⁶ Rysynden⁴¹, Treton⁴², Hampton⁴³, Tetbury, cherynton, and Heselden⁴⁴; of Watlynton, Goryng, Weston by chiltre⁴⁵, Escote⁴⁶ (by Holcombe) of the fee that longeth to þe castell of oxonforde, Euere⁴⁷, and of ayther courte of shyrburñ; Ardynton, 20

¹ Noted in margin. Of the six, three are in Chadlington hundred, three in Bloxham hundred.

² Barford.

³ Adderbury.

⁴ Kidlington.

⁵ Thrupp.

⁶ White-hill, in Tackley parish.

⁷ Hensington, in Bladon parish.

⁸ Northleigh.

⁹ Little Barton: see no. 128.

¹⁰ Rousham.

¹¹ Ledwell or Lodwell, in Wootton parish.

¹² Hampton Gay: this set is in Ploughley hundred.

¹³ Bletchington.

¹⁴ Weston-on-the-Green.

¹⁵ Bicester.

¹⁶ A hamlet in Bicester parish.

¹⁷ Bucknell.

¹⁸ Ardley. 'Ardulfeyn' in Henry III's Insepimus.

¹⁹ Woolaston in Mixbury parish.

²⁰ Hardwick.

²¹ Thenford in Northants.

²² Tusmore, near Cottisford.

²³ Water Stratford.

²⁴ Turweston.

²⁵ Not identified. 'Goldewelle' in the Latin.

²⁶ Wyke = Wick-Dyve, Northants.

²⁷ Haseley, in Radcliffe parish, Bucks.

²⁸ Blackbourton, in Bampton hundred.

²⁹ Brize Norton.

³⁰ Ascot D'oily.

³¹ Beckley, in Bullington hundred.

³² Horton, in Beckley parish.

³³ Mercot, in Charlton-on-Otmoor.

³⁴ Studley.

³⁵ Probably Nash, in Beckley parish.

³⁶ Woodperry.

³⁷ (Water)perry.

³⁸ Elsfield.

³⁹ Oakley, by Boarstall.

⁴⁰ Turkdean.

⁴¹ Rissington.

⁴² Tretone, now called Bruerne.

⁴³ Hampnett, Glouc.

⁴⁴ Haselton, Glouc.

⁴⁵ Chiltre = the Chilterns; and so South-weston in Pirton hundred.

⁴⁶ Ascot, in Great Milton parish, in Thame hundred.

⁴⁷ Iver, Bucks.

Betrynton¹, Harewell, ledecumbe, and in Elflynton² of thre
hides and of þe mylle, of Craneforde³, leyes⁴, tenesshe⁵,
Tenyeth⁶; Haurugge⁷, Koleston⁸, Messeworth⁹, and clop-
4 pam¹⁰; and all þe tithe of þe Demayne of Wolgarcote¹¹, and in
Baldynton¹² of thre hides, and in Wauerton¹³, of þe demayne,
of Croftes¹⁴ and Tewycrosse¹⁵ ij. parties of all maner tithes, ande
in Ibston þe tithe of oon hide, and in Cutlynton¹⁶, þe tithe of
8 j. hide, ande in Cawdewell þe tithe of three 3erdes. Wherefore
I wille and surely charge þat þe chanons of þe foresaide church
and pere successours haue and holde, well and in peece, all
tenementes londis rentis tithis and possessions þe which þey
12 haue in all þe forsaide maners, and also of me and my eyres or
my meñ may geete in tyme to come, with all liberteis¹⁷ and
free customs þe which I euer had or oony of myne aunceturs;
and þat þey haue þere courte ffre of here meñ of all maner
16 transgressions or mysdoynge¹⁸ ande defautes; and been quyte,
bothe they and there tenauntes, of all maner sutes of my cowrite,
and of sute of my myllis, and of all demaundis or axynge¹⁹,
outetake Justice or rygght of deth or of membres. And if þey
20 or there meñ be amerced agaynst me or myne eyres of²⁰ my
baylyffs for oony cause, trespas, or forfeite, all mercys²¹ and
mercymentes and all fynes and all profytes and all outegoynges²²
of pleys þat comen forthe of þem or of þere meñ shall be of þe
24 chanons selfe, withoute oony agayne-holdyng to me or to myne
heyres, weþer hit be for defautes or for oony other cawse. Also
I wiff and charge surely þat þe saide chanons ande pere suc-
chiefly Berk-
shire
manors;
(23) of some
twelve
dispersed
manors;
with
manorial
privileges
(no. 39);
exemption
from
service to
courts
and mills
of Doyly
manors;
right to
fines im-
posed on
their
tenants;
right to
common

¹ Batterton, Berks.

² Elfreton in Welford parish, Berks.

³ Cranford in Northts., near Kettering.

⁴ Leyes is probably Northleigh, *supra*.

⁵ Tenesshe is perhaps Asshe, *supra*.

⁶ Tenyeth (or Peryeth, as in the Latin)
is probably Woodperry, *supra*.

⁷ Hawridge, Cotslow hundred, Bucks.

⁸ Coleston- or Colston-Basset, Notts.

⁹ Marsworth, Cotslow hundred, Bucks.

¹⁰ Clapham, Beds.

¹¹ Marginal note: 'Note for tithes of
the demesne of Wolgarcote,' i.e. Wolver-
cote.

¹² Baldon, Oxon.

¹³ Waverton, or Warton, in Leominster
parish, Herefordshire.

¹⁴ Croftes seems to be another name for

the manor in Waverton, which paid tithe
to Oseney.

¹⁵ Twycross in Orton-on-the-hill parish,
Leicestershire.

¹⁶ 'Curtlington' in the Latin, i.e. Kirt-
lington.

¹⁷ Marginal note: 'Note and marke þ^e
liberties.'

¹⁸ As usual, the word introduced by 'or'
is an alternative English word for the pre-
ceding Latinism. The Latin is 'de omni-
modis transgressionibus et defaltis.'

¹⁹ Latin: 'de omnimodis demandis ex-
cepta iustitia mortis et membrorum.'

²⁰ Read 'or': 'seu.'

²¹ Marginal note: 'Note for ffynes &
amerciamentes, &c.'

²² Latin, 'exitus.'

pasture for sheep, pigs, and cattle; cessours and pere tenauntes haue fre entryng ande goyng oute ande fre commune to pere shepe and hogges and to all here bestes in all my maners, and that þey be not inparked or y-poyned¹ but þey be i-founde in open harme; þat² if hit⁴ happen, þey maye receyue pere bestes³ and by the syght of lawfull men þe harme þat pere bestis haue i-do, owte of my courte, to make to be amendid: and that this my yifte and graunt ande confymacion of this charter be Sure and stable for 8 euer, To this wrytyng I haue put to my seele. Thes witnesses, Theobalde archiebishshop of Canterbury, Bisshop of Wirceture Symon, Thurstane⁴ archiebishshop of Yorke, Robert Bisshop of lyncoln, Gilbert filioth Herforde, Henry Doyly and Gilbert his 12 brother, and other.

[NOTE.—As far back as Anthony Wood's time (*City of Oxford*, ii. 190-2) the preceding section of the Oseney Register was felt to be a puzzle, and many of the names in it long remained untraced. The Rev. H. E. Salter, by collation of the original Oseney deeds as well as of the Registers, has solved the problem of the section and identified its names. The 'charter,' he points out, must have been invented after 1191, by tacking together several grants of earlier and later dates, without the least attempt to make them fit in with each other. The charter, by its witnesses, professes to be of date 1149, but Robert Doyly II died seven years before that. The bishop of Lincoln at the foundation of Oseney was Alexander, not Robert. The constructor of the charter may have taken the name Robert either from Alexander's predecessor, Robert Bloet (1093-1123), who during his episcopate seems to have granted a confirmation-charter to St. George's church; or from Alexander's successor, Robert de Chesnei (1147-68), who in 1149 sanctioned the grant, by Henry Doyly I, of St. George's church and its possessions to Oseney. The deed makes Oseney in 1149 possessed of Frees chapel, which in fact was the gift of Thomas of St. Walery about 1191; and of the tithes of Twycross and Warton obtained in 1187-9 by an exchange, which is fully described in the Oseney Cartulary. The list of places is confused by the jumbling together of names taken from different confirmations. Thus, the scribe gives both Perieth and Woodperry, but they are probably the same; so also, probably, Leyes and Northlye; Asshe and Tenesse; Cawdewell (Caldewell) and Goldwell.]

About 1100. [22.] A confirmacion off Geffrey of Iuory þe sone of Roger of Iuory off þe Same yifte.

All men knowe that I, Gefferye of Iuorye, grauntid, and with
* leaf 6. this my present charter con*fermed, to god And to þe Church

¹ 'or y-poyned' is an English equivalent of the preceding word: Latin is merely 'ne possint inparcari.'

² 'quod si contigerit.'

³ i.e. out of the pound, on giving surety for payment of damage: cp. nos. 39, 40.

The Latin is 'per vadimonium averia sua recipiant.'

⁴ Another mark of forgery. Thurstan died 1140. If the charter were genuine, it would have been witnessed by Henry Murdac, archbishop 1147-53.

of Saynte marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god,
 all londis churchis rentis tithis and possessions þey haueñ in
 all my maners, of the yifte of Robert Doyly and the grauntynge
 4 of Roger of Iuorye my faduṛ, in-to pure and perpetuell almes,
 as þe charters of þe forsaide Robert and roger þe which they
 haue fully witnyssse: and for that I wyll þe yevyng and graun-
 tyng of þe forsaide Robert and Roger be sure and stable for
 8 eueṛ, with my seele imprentynge this present writyng I haue
 i-seelid: These witnyssse Robert, by þe grace of god Bisshop of
 lincoln; Robert Doyly þe yunguṛ, &c^o.

Pretended
 confirma-
 tion to Ose-
 ney (about
 1249), by
 Jeffrey of
 Iveri,
 joint-
 patron
 (nos. 1, 3) of
 St. George's
 church,
 of no 21.

NOTE.—The charter, as it stands, cannot be genuine, because the Iveri family became extinct about 1110, several years before Oseney was founded. A genuine deed, by which Jeffrey of Iveri confirmed its possessions to the church of St. George, seems to have been adapted to strengthen the forgery (no. 21), by substituting 'Marye of Oseney' for 'George.'

[23.] A confirmacion of Henry Doylly þe ffirst þe Sone¹
 of þe saide Robert Doylly his ffadur off þe saide
 thynges.

A D.
 1149.

BE hit i-knowe to all trew meñ of holy church that I,
 12 Henry Doylly, with þe consent and grauntynge of my Broþer
 Gilbert, and with þe counsell of Syre Robert (þe soone of
 Roger²) my broþer and of my moduṛ and of oðer ffrendes and
 of my meñ, yefe and graunte, in-to perpetuell almys, for þe
 16 sowle of Kyng Henry and for þe sowle of my ffaduṛ Robert
 Doylly and oðer kynnesfolkes and of myne aunceturs and for
 my helth and of my moduṛ and of my brethryñ and of oþer of
 my ffrendes and for þe state and welefare of all þe realme, to
 20 þe church of Saynte marye þe which my ffadur fundid in þe
 Ile þe which is i-called Oseney and to þe chanons in hit
 seruyng god, my church of Saynte George the which is in þe
 Castell of Oxonforde, with all thynges þe which beñ of my fee
 24 and perteynyng to hit, þat is to say, in howses in tithis in
 playne in woode in ryvers and in ffedynges and in all oþer
 thynges, with customs & liberteis þe which he³ helde in þe

Grant to
 Oseney, by
 Henry
 Doyly I,

of St.
 George's
 church.

¹ MS. has 'the Sone the Sone.' This is a genuine deed, extant as Brit. Mus. Add. Charter 20,361.

has 'domini Roberti filii regis'; i. e. of lady Edith's son by Henry I.

³ Read 'it'; i. e. the church.

² A most misleading slip. The Latin

tyme of my aunceturs þe which foundid hit. Wherefore I wille and surely ordeyne þat þe forsayde church of Saynte George¹, of þe which my ffadur was foundur and of þe which I am patrone and advocate, This addyng² to þencresyng of my⁴ ffadurs almys þe which³ be ordeyned þere, hit holde, of me and of all myne heyres and successours, quietly and worschipfully, all exaccion i-put⁴ a-bak, fro this tyme nowe and for Euer
Witnesses: Daniell, Abbot of Mussendene; Alurede⁵, Abbot of 8
Dorchester, ꝛ.

About
1155.

[24.] A confirmation of þe same Henry off þe forsaiðe thynges and off other 3iftes of his modur.

Confirmation to
Oseney, by Henry
Doyly I (died
1163), of

(1) St. George's
church;

(11) in Hooknorton,
1 hide of villein-
age, 3 hides of
demesneland, &
24 acres meadow;
(111) in Claydon, 2
hides of villein-
age, of lady
Edith's gift (died
1152); $\frac{1}{2}$ hide in ex-
change;
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hide given by
Philip Hampton
(with surrender of
feudal superi-
ority);
8 'tilths' given by
lady Edith,

* leaf 6, back.

BE hit i-knowe to all trew men of holy church that I
Henry Doylly, yefe and graunt, and with my charter
Conferme, in-to ffre and pure almes, to þe church of God¹²
and of Saynte marye his modur and to þe chanons in hit
seruyng god (þe which my ffadur foundid in þe Ile þe
which is i-called Oseney), þe church of Saynte George,
with all thynges perteynyng to hit of my ffee; and in 16
Hokenorton, j. hide of villenage, and Prestfelde and butur-
hulle for thre hides, and of þe mede of my lordship as
much as perteyneth to three hides (þat is to say, ij. acre,
euerych yerde); In cleydon, ij. hides of villenage, þe which 20
my modur 3afe to þe same church, and halfe an hide
(also of villenage) þe which I 3afe to þem in-to an Es-
chaunge of dñ. oon hide (also of villenage) þe which is in
Weston, & dñ. an hide of þe yifte of philippe of Hampton 24
ande of his wiffe and of his soone, of þe which I clayme
nowe quyte to þe sayde church þat þe same philippe and
his heyres ofte⁶ to me þere-of, and al-so-much of my lorde-
ship as * my fader⁷ 3afe to þem (that is to say, Medehulle 28
and Senesham and the redelande and Sibrecrofte and

¹ A strange error. Latin has, correctly, 'prefata sancte Marie ecclesia'; i. e. Oseney.

² 'additamentum.' This 'adding,' really by Henry Doyly I, is attributed to his father in the spurious deed (no. 21).

³ 'quam,' scil. cleemosinam. The refer-

ence is to the foundation-gift (no. 12).

⁴ 'postposita.'

⁵ Alfred, abbot of Dorchester, 1146-63.

⁶ 'debebant.'

⁷ A slip. Latin has, correctly, *mater*. 'She' ('ipsa') follows lower down.

Kynges bruggehale and stodefolve and prettesthorū and benetebrech), and dñ. an hide þe which was of Geffrey, with þe mede þat she with þe same londes assynyð to þem, And j. 4 crofte and a volate þat Hemmyiñg preste was i-wonyð to haue, and pannage of here owne hogges, and in woode in þe same towne that¹ is nede to howsis and hegges to be made and to fyre to be made; In Westoñ, j. hide and dñ. [that 8 is to say], thre 3erdes of villenage (þat is to say², a 3erde where þe mansion of þe chanons is, and a 3erde þe which Robert holdeth, [and³ a yerde the which Herbert holdeth]), and thre yerdes of þe lordeship, as my modur maade to be 12 deliuered to þem; In Etoñ, Sparewesaye⁴ for j. hide; and xx^{ti} acris of Waltoñ, with meñ, and medis and ffelynges; and in all my maners pasture for þere owne oxoñ & þere shepe and hogges commune with myne. Wherefore I wille 16 and surely ordeyn þat þe saide church alle þe forsaide tenures and possessions haue & hold, weñ and in pece, and worschipfully and fully, with all liberteis and his ffre customs in meñ in howsis in londis in woode in playne and 20 in all other thynges and placis. Witnyssis, Water of Tywe, ð.

with a $\frac{1}{2}$ hide and meadow, a croft, and a volate; free pannage, house-bote, hedge-bote, and fire-wood; (iv) *In Weston-on-the-Green*, 3 yardlands of villeinage, 3 of demesne-land, of lady Edith's gift;

(v) *in Water-eaton*, Sparewesaye; (vi) *in Walton*, 'Twenty acres,' with pasture and other rights; with rights of common pasture in all Doily manors.

[25.] A confirmacion of Henry Doylly þe ij. of his 3ifte About
aforesaide. 1182.

BE hit i-knowe to all true meñ of holy church that I, Henry Doylly þe soone of Henry Doylly, with þe consent and assent of Robert my broþer and with þe counseñ of myne free meñ, 24 grauntid, and with my charter confermed, to the church of saynte marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for þe sowles of my predecessours and of myne kynnesfolkes and for my helth and of myne, in-too free and perpetueñ almes, all 28 þe yevynges the which Robert⁵ Beele my ffader maade to þe same church and Edith my Beele moder and Henry my ffader, þat is to say;

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Henry
Doyly II
(died 1232),

of the
grants
made,

Of þe yeste of Robert my Beele Sire (the which þe forsaide (a) by his

¹ 'quod necesse fuerit domibus et sepibus suis reficiendis, et ad focum faciendum.'

² cp. no. 26.

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ Reserved to the lord in the former grant (no. 12).

⁵ Latin: 'Robertus avus meus.'

grand-
father (no.
12);

church founded), all þe forsaide Ile of Oseney, with all dwellynges þe which been of my fee vppon the weer in the same Ile, and tithynges of þe mylles þe which ben by the casteil of oxonforde; and vnder þe wass, j. dwellyng þe which was of 4 Waryne chapeleyne; and þes churches of my fee, þe church of Cudelyngton, þe church of Weston, þe church of Hokenorton, þe church of Cleydon, þe church of shenston, þe church of chesterton; with-in þe borowgh¹ of oxonforde þe londes þe 8 which helden Engerike, Raymunde, Ailnot, Godwyn þe son² Edwacher, ermenolde, Godwyne Nicuma, Swetyng Cadica, Rauenyng, Segryne by the Wass, Henry Corueser, leofwyn Haltyng³, Godwyn money make, Brythrik money make, 12 Godrik, William, Raph Backster⁴, leofwyne Budda, Geffrey Miller; and ⁵ ij. s. þe which helde fromunde chapeleyne, and þe tithyng of Nicoth of Stodeham the which þe same fromunde helde; and Eton all þe towne in þe lordeschip and villenage 16 and free fee (oute-take þe mylle, and Sparwesaye); within Hokenorton, dj. an hide þe which was off Hugh ffranceys, and j. 3erde londe þe which helde Morice.

(b) by his
father (no.
24);

* leaf 7.

[Watling-
ton church,
see no. 13.]

Of þe yifte of Henry my ffadur, þe church of Seynte George, 20 with all thynges þe which * longe to hit of my fee; þe church of Watlynton; In Hokenorton, j. hide of villenage, and prestfelde⁶, and of þe mede of the lordeschip al-so-muche as longeth to thre hides (that is to say, two acris to euery 3erde); 24 In Eton, sparewesay; and xxii acris⁷ of Walton, with med & medes and ffedynges longyng to þe same.

(c) and
grand-
mother
(no. 24).

Of þe yifte of my Bele Dame Edithe also, and of my ffadur, in Cleydon, ij. hides and dj. ande of þe lordeschip of the same 28 towne Suenesham and the redelande and Sibcrofte and Kynges bruggehale and Stodefolve and Benet breche, and dj. hide þe which was of Geffrey with a mede þe which perteyneth to þe same londes, and j. crofte and a volate⁸ the⁹ Hemimnyng preste 32 was i-woned to have, and pannage of here owne hogges, and in

¹ MS. repeats 'within þe borowgh.'

² 'Godwinus filius Edwaker' in the Latin: so the translator did not venture to say 'the son of Edwacher.'

³ 'Leofwinus claudus.'

⁴ 'pistor.'

⁵ 'et duas solidatas redditus quas.'

⁶ The Latin adds 'et Buterhull.'

⁷ Marginal note: 'Note: xxii acres of Walton with men & meades and fedinges to the same.'

⁸ 'Et unam croftam et volatam.'

⁹ Probably 'the [which] Hemming,' but 'the' by itself is found in this MS. as a relative. Latin has 'quam Hemmingus presbiter solebat habere.'

the woode of þe same towne that is nede to theind to howses and hegges to be i-made and to be ffire to be made; In Westond j. hide and d^j. [that is to say] iij. 3erdes of villenage (that is to say, j. 3erde where þe dwellyng of þe chanons is, and a 3erde pat Robert holdeth [and a yerde that Herbert holdeth ¹]), and thre 3erdes of þe lordeschip, with the mede; and in all my maners commune pasture to þere owne oxond [and to their s sheep¹], and to þere hogges, with myne.

Ffurþermore, I haue i-3efe to þe forsaide chanons in-to Encresyng², for þe sowle of my ffadurs and modurs³ and for myne helth and of myne, all my mede þe which is at þe west of here courte of osney (now⁴ hit is i-called ffullyngmylleham⁵ and þe hurst⁵ with þe mede lying þere-to), in-to perpetue^{ll} almys, ffire and quite for all seruice, and purpresture⁵ of here Gardeyne of Cudelynton; and þe chanons quite-claymed to me two telthis in Cleydond, that is to say, Medehalle and prestesthornd, þe which þey claymed agaynste me of þe 3ifte of my Beledame and of my ffadur.

This grauntyng and 3evyng and confirmacion I made with þe wille and assent of Robert my broþer and with þe counsell of my ffire mend, and vppond þe Auter of saynte marye in þe forsaide church of Oseney I offerid, and my body to be i-beried after my deth I vowid. Wherefore I wil^l that þe forsaide church and chanons alle þe fornamed thynges haue and holde for euer as ffirely and quietly fro all seruice pat to me or myne eyres perteyneth as oony of my predecessores helde þem most fre and most quietly whanne þey were in my lordeschip These witnesses, Robert my Broder⁶, &c².

Grant to Oseney, by said Henry Doyle II, of

meadow and land near Oseney, and a strip of land at Kidlington, Oseney relinquishing 2 'tilths' at Claydon, no. 24 (III).

[Offering on altar.]
[Burial at Oseney.]

[26.] A confirmacion of Robert Bisshop of lincoln of þe forsaide thynges and of Bladen and Midlee and of oþer 3iftis of þemperice and off oþer.

ROBERT, By the grace of God, Bisshop of lincoln ⁷. Wherefore we, 3evyng ly3ght assent to þe ry3ghtfull prayers of ow^r moste

About 1158.
Confirmation to Oseney, by

¹ Added from the Latin.

² 'in augmentum.'

³ 'pro animabus parentum.'

⁴ The bracketed words are a later explanation. In the Latin they occur as a marginal note.

⁵ Name noted in the margin.

⁶ 'Roberto de Witefeld tunc vicecomite Oxenefordie' follows in the Latin. Robert of Witefeld was sheriff from Easter 1182 to Easter 1185: List of Sheriffs (Publ. Rec. Office, 1898).

Robert of
Chesney
(bp. of Lin-
coln 1148-
66),

Dere soone Wigoode Abbot¹ of Oseney ande of his Brethryñ, the church of Saynte marye in þe which þey be i-zeve to goddis service, [the which] in þe Ile the which is i-callid Oseney was i-foundid and made, with all thynges with-inne the costis to 4 yow^r parisshe perteynyng, vndur þe Defence of Saynt mary and owre we take, and with þese letters we make hit strong: in the which, these thynges to be i-schewed we have avised in here owne names, that is to say:

of ten
churches
in his
diocese;

þe church of Saynte George, with all his holenysse²; þe church of Cudelintoñ, þe church of Westoñ, þe church of Hokenortoñ, þe church of Cleydoñ, þe church of Chestertoñ, þe church of Watelintoñ, þe church of Stanys, þe church of 12 Cowley, and þe chapel of fforsthuff; and all that was of Robert Doylly founder of this church, and of Henry his sone, in Oseney, with all Dwellynges þe which been vppoñ the were of þe Milles, and all þe londe þat þey had withinne þe Borowgh 16 of Oxonforde; And all Etoñ³, with all þynges to hit *per-
teynyng (but þe Mille); and in Hokenortoñ, dñ. hide þe which was of Hugh ffraunceys, and j. 3erdelonde þe which was of Morice; þere also j. hide of londe with iiij. meñ of Warlande⁴, 20 and of þe lordeship prestesfelde and buturhuff, and of þe mede of þe lordschip al-so-muche as longeth to iiij. hides; In Westoñ iiij. 3erdes of londe of Warlant⁵ and iiij. of þe lordeship with þe mede; In cleydoñ, ij. hides of Warlant, and vj. of Cotlane⁶, 24 and of þe lordeship prestesthorñ and benetbrech and stodeforde and in a-noper felde Medelham with þe mede in þe hedis, of⁷ Redelande and Sibcrofte and Kynges bruggehale; and xxi^{ti} Acris⁸ in Waltoñ, with medys and ffedynges; and ij. 3. of Rent 28 þe which ffromunde Chapeleyne helde, and þe tithe of Nichol of Stodeham;

of king
Stephen's
gift (no.
14);

And of Kyng Henry and of themperice, a prebende þe which was of peurell of lx. 3., and with-inne þe borowgh of Oxon- 32 forde iiij. 9 3. v. d. ob. qua. of viij. 3erdes of þe Kynge, and þe lok¹⁰

¹ See n. 7, p. 13.

² 'cum omni integritate sua.'

³ Name noted in margin.

⁴ 'cum quattuor hominibus de Warland.'

⁵ Sic; and so also in the Latin.

⁶ Read 'and vi. cotlands.' Latin has '& sex cotlanz.' A *cotagium* or *cotland*

was 2 acres, or 4 acres, attached to a cottar's house.

⁷ Omit 'of.' Latin 'le Redeland.'

⁸ Marginal note: 'the prebend of peurell; xx^{te} acres in Walton, with meades & fedinges. Note.'

⁹ 'v. s.' in the Latin, and in nos. 14, 18.

¹⁰ Marginal note: 'The locke.'

or goter þat Hildewyñ helde þe which was of Henry Costentine, and þe londe þe which was of Geffray and William Brethryñ¹, and þe londe þe which was of Theodorike le bere, and þe lond⁴ þe which was of Godefrey at seynte Judook², and þe londe þe which was of Nigelle of Gardeyne, and þere-by þe londe the which Hisumwharde helde;

And of þe 3ifte of quene Adelide, and grauntyng of them-
8 perice, j. hide by þe brygge of Bladone, with the lordship and þe mede;

And þe³ Ile of langeneye, of þe 3ifte of Geffrey Chamburleyne and of themperice; and a-noþer Ile of Mideley, of þe 3ifte of
12 þe Citecyñs of oxonford; and j. dwellyng by the northe 3ate of þe 3ifte of Robert ffolieth; and þe londe þe which Raph ffigt sywarde 3afe; and þe londe þat Elue⁴ pulcyñ yafe; And, of þe 3ifte of Hugh Tywe⁵; In Cleydoñ, of þe 3ifte of philip
16 Hamptoñ, dñ. hide; In fforsthull, ij. hides; In Watlyntoñ, of þe 3ifte of Halinalde of Bidun, j. 3erde of londe of þe lordship; In cote þe which is a membur of Cudelintoñ, j. hide of þe 3ifte of Raph Bretun; In blechesdoñ, of þe 3ifte of Raph amary, j.
20 3erde of londe of þe lordship and a-noþer of Warlonde; of þe 3ifte of Wigañ, in ffulebrok, j. hide of londe:

Sauyng þe dignite of þe church of lincoln. þefore of this our confirmacion, ð. ut supra.

and, of new acquisitions, of the lock (59, 61), and lands near Oseney;

also, confirmation of dowager queen Alice's gift (no. 83); of Langney (14), and Medley (69); of lands in Oxford (14, 18) and elsewhere;

and, of new, lands in Foresthill, Watlington, Cote, Bletchingdon, Fulbroke (in Hogshaw, Bucks).

[27.] A confirmacion of Moolde themperice of þ^e church
of Seynte George with all his pertinences. A.D. 1149.

24 MOOLDE, themperice, Kyng Henry dow3ghter, and lady of yngelonde, to Archiebisshops Bisshops Abbotes Erles Barons shreves Mynsters and all here meñ, ffrenshe and English, of all Englonde, helth. Know 3e me to have i-graunted, and con-
28 fermed, to god and saynte Mary of Oseney and to þe Prior and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, in-to perpetueñ almys, for the

Confirmation to Oseney, by Maud, empress,

¹ 'fratrum.'

² 'apud sanctum Buoc' in the Latin.

³ Marginal note: 'the Ile of Langney & Mydley: note.'

⁴ 'Alneua.'

⁵ The English is here confused. The Latin shows that it should run 'Of the gift

of Hugh of Tew, in Forsthull, two hides; in Burton, two hides; in Cleydon. . . ' In the English one clause is brought in too late; the other dropt out. The places are Foresthill, near Wheatley; Blackbourton, near Bampton.

of St.
George's
church,
with its
belongings
(as after-
wards
transferred
to Oseney,
no. 23, by
Henry
Doyly I),

heltþ of my lorde and myne and our ffre children¹ and for þe
sowle of Kyng Henry my ffadur and ffor þe sowle of quene
Moolde my modur and of owr oper aunceturs, þe church of
Saynte George þe which is in þe castell of Oxonford, with all⁴
his pertinences: þat is to say, the church of Saynte Mary
mawdefen þe which is in þe strete with-oute þe northgate, and
þe londe of Walton of bothe parte² of þe weye³ by þe which
hit is i-goo fro Walton to þe castell as Waltere Archedecon⁸
helde hit, and þe londe of Cudeslawe, and of Covelay⁴ (with
þe church), And þe londe of stowe and of morton (with þe
church and þe chapefl), and þe londe of Worton, and of
Saunforde, and ij. hides of Ernycot, with all oper thynges to¹²
þe forsaide church of Saynte George perteynyng in titthis in
men [in lands⁵] in howses and Medis and ffedynges in woode
and in playne, as þe forsaide church helde fro þe tyme of them
þe which foundid hit, and as Henry Doylly and John of seynte¹⁶
* leaf 8. * John⁶ grauntid and with þere seeles confermed. Wherefore
I wilf and Surely commaunde þat þe forsaide church and
chanons the forsaide tenauntries haue and holde, wefl and in
pece, and worschipfully ffirely and quietly, with sock and sack,²⁰
tol and theam, and Infangenthef, with all other customs and
fredoms⁷ þe which þey had in the tyme off Kyng Henry
my fadu. Witnesses:—Robert⁸ þe sone of þe Kyng my
broþer.

* leaf 8.

with full
manorial
jurisdic-
tion.

24

About
1158.
Confirma-
tion by
Henry II.

[28.] Henry⁹, Kyng of Inglonde, Duke of Normandy and
Gyen, And Erle of Angye, euyñ like to þe charter of themperice
afore i-write of þe forsaide ȝiftes, i.

¹ 'ffre children' occurs several times:
a mis-rendering of 'liberorum nostrorum'.

² Marginal notes: 'Walton on Euey
side of þe wey as the goo from Walton to
the Castell.' 'the same was parcell of the
prebend of Peuerell.'

³ 'ex utraque parte vie per quam itur de
Waltona.'

⁴ Marginal notes: 'Cowley.' 'Note
the lande in Cowley with the churche &
ffredoms.'

⁵ Added from the Latin.

⁶ The family of St. John had succeeded
the Iveri family (nos. 3, 22) as co-patrons
of St. George's church. The grant of John

de St. John is not given in the cartulary,
but is extant as Brit. Mus. Add. Charter
20,360.

⁷ Marginal note: 'the fredoms.'

⁸ Robert, Henry Doyly's half-brother,
was son of Edith Forne by Henry I.
Wood (*City of Oxford*, i. 277) wrongly
identifies him with Robert (Consul or 'de
Caen'), earl of Gloucester, who died 1147.
Joscelyn of Bailol is another witness; he
was consecrated bishop of Sarum in 1142.
The place is Devizes.

⁹ Marginal note: 'Henry the second.'
The place is Salisbury. One witness is
Thomas [Becket], chancellor.

[29.] A confirmacion of Robert Belnet¹, Bisshop of About
lincoln, of þ^e church of Seynte George with his 1150.
pertinences.

ROBERT, by þe grace of god Bisshop of lincoln, ꝛ. Wherefore Confirmation
we, grauntyng to þe Axynges of owre most dere Childreñ to
chanons þat is to say of Oseney, graunte and with this present Oseney, by
4 writyng in-to perpetueñ almes conferme, to þeñ and to þe the
monastery in þe which þey beñ i-sett to goddis seruike, þe diocesan,
church of Seynte George þe which is i-sett in the castell of
oxonford, with all tenauntries and possessions to þe same church
8 perteynyng, þat is to say, in churchis in tithis in meñ in
howses in londres In waters in Medis and pasturs in woode in
playne and in all oper thynges, with all customs and liberteis
þe which þe same church of Saynte George had in þe tyme of
12 ou^r aunceturs þe which founde² hit, þat is to say, in that ordre
þat, after þe decease of þe clerkes the which now beñ lordes to
þe possessions, þe same possessions and rentes with all holenesse
shall go in-to þe vsis and þe lordship of the Brethrin now of
16 þe saide church of Oseney, so, notwithstanding³, þat of þe same
Benefices so mochi schall be reserued and keped to þe seruike of
now þe saide church of Saynt George⁴, after þe Disposicion of
vs and of þe patrone and prelate of þe monastery of þe reguler
20 clerkes (þat⁵ is to say, of þe chanons), whereof two prestes may
be susteyned. Þerefore of this ou^r ordeynyng trobelers, we
denunce them i-cursed; And þe conseruatours and keepers, to
haue goddis blessing and ou^r. Amen.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
the
diocesan,

of St.
George's
church and
its pro-
perty, as
granted by
Henry
Doyly I
(no. 23),

subject to
the life-
interests of
the Secular
Canons in
their 'pre-
bends,'

and to the
mainten-
ance for
ever of a
two-priest
chantry for
Robert
Doyly I.

[30.] A confirmacion⁶ of Kyng Ricarde Corpelion of 1189,
þe firedoms of Shires and Hundredes. Nov. 12.

24 RICARDUS, by þe grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, Duke of Confirmation
Normandy and of Gyeñ, and Erle of Aungie, to Archiebisspos⁷, to Oseney, by
ꝛ, and to Erles Barons Justices Shrefes Mynsters Ballyffys and Richard I,
to all his true meñ of Inglonde helth. We commaunde þat alle

¹ Read 'de Chesneto,' bishop 1148-66. The error arose from an erroneous addition 'Bluet,' by a later hand, in the endorsement of the original charter, now in Christ Church Treasury.

² Read 'founded': 'fundauerunt.'

³ Marginal note: 'Take hede & be

ware.'

⁴ For this chantry see Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 184.

⁵ Interpolated explanation. Not in the Latin.

⁶ Marginal note: 'Ricardus Ius.'

⁷ Sic.

of exemp-
tion from
certain
king's
courts and
taxes, as in
no. 13.

þe londe and meñ of thabbot and chanons of Oseney be quite and lose¹ and ffree² of shires and hundredis and of wardes and commune plays³ & quarels and all oper þynges, oute-take murther and thefte i-preuede. And we forbede þat vppon þat 4 ye do not to þeñ or to oper⁴ meñ wronge despite or grevaunce or þat 3e suffur to be do them of oony meñ. Witnesses⁵, &c^o.

1199,
June 16.

[31.] A confirmacion of Kyng John of þe church of Seynte George with his pertinences.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by king
John,

* leaf 8,
back.

of St.
George's
church
(no. 23),

as in nos.
27, and 28;

JOHN, by þe grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, lorde of Irlonde, Duke of Normandy and of Gien, and Erle of Aungie, to Archie- 8 bisshops bissphos⁶ Abbotes Erles Barons Justices Shreves Revys and to all Baylyffes and to his true meñ helth. Knowe 3e me to haue * i-graunted, and confermed, to þe church of god and of Saynte Marye of Oseney and to þabbot and chanons pere¹² 12 seruyng god, for our helth and of oures, in-to perpetuell almes, and for þe sowle of Kyng Henry beelesire of my ffadur and for þe sowle of Kyng Henry oure ffadur and of oper kynnesfolkes, þe church of Saynte George þe which is i-set in þe castell of 16 Oxonford, with all his pertinences, þat is to say þe church of Saynte Mary Mawdeſen þe which is in þe strete with-oute þe Northgate, and þe londe of Waltoñ⁷ of both sides of þe waye by þe which meñ goth fro Waltoñ to þe castell (as Walter 20 Archedecon hit helde), and þe londe of Cudeslawe, and of Couelay (with þe church), and þe londe of Stowe and of Mortoñ (with þe church and Chapeñ), And þe londe of Wortoñ, and of Sanforde, and ij. hides of Ernycote, with all other²⁴ 24 þynges to þe same church perteynyng, In tithis In meñ In howses In londes And Medes and ffedynges In woode In playne, As þe forsaide church held fro þe tyme of þeñ þe which hit foundid and as þe Modur of our ffadur the lady themperice and 28 Kyng Henry our fadur hit to þeñ graunted and with his charter confermed. Wherefore we wilf and Surely commaunde þat þe forsaide church and Chanons þe forsaide holdes⁸ have

¹ 'soluti.'

² Marginal note: 'A grete fredome.'

³ 'placitis.'

⁴ Read 'per': 'suis.'

⁵ William of Longchamp, Chancellor,

Nov. 12, at Westminster. The year is not given.

⁶ Sic.

⁷ Marginal note: 'Walton.'

⁸ 'predictas tenaturas.'

and holde, weſt and In pece and worschipfully, frely and quietly,
with¹ sock and sack, tol and theam, and Infangenthefe, and
with all other liberteyes and customs þe which þey had in þe
4 tyme of Henry beelsire of our fadur and in þe tyme of Kyng
Henry our fadur. Witnesses, &c². At² london.

with ex-
emptions as
in no. 13.

[32.] A confirmacion of Kyng³ Henry þe iiij. of the 1235,
liberteis and of þ^e church of Seynte George and April 2,
oper thynges.

HENRY, by þe grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, lorde of
Irlonde, &c². Knowe 3e me to haue, for god sake, i-graunted⁴
8 and with this our Charter confermed; for vs and our heyres, to
god and to þe church of Saynte Marye of Osneye and to þabbot
and chanons in þe same place seruyng god, all or⁴ yiftes
yevynges vndur-write, pat is to say, of þe 3efte of Robert
12 Doylly, the Ile of Osneye, with all his pertinences, and all men
and londes þe which he had in his lordeship within þe borowgh
of Oxonforde, with his pertinences; of þe yifte of Henry Doylly,
16 of oxonford; with all thynges þe which been of his fee, þe which
to þe same church perteynen; of þe 3efte of Master Geoffrey
Gibwynd, all his londe in þe townd of Mersche, with all his
20 pertences: to be had and to be holde, to þe same Abbot and
chanons and to here successours, in-to perpetueſt almes. And
pat þey haue and holde þe fredoms þe which Henry the Kyng
of Inglonde beelsire of Kyng Henry our beelsire, And also þe
same Henry Kyng, graunted to þen by his Charters, that is to
24 say, pat þey and all here tenementes and here men been quite⁵
of Shires and hundredes and wardes and danezeldes and
commune pleis and all oper exaccions and quarels, outetake
murther & thefte i-preued; with sock and sack, tol and them,
28 and Infangenthefe, as þe chartors [of the] aforesaide Kynges
of Inglonde our predecessours and of oper yevers aforesaide,
[þe⁶ which þe aforesaide abbot and chanons haue of them, in]

Confirma-
tion to
Oseneby, by
Henry III,

of no. 12,

of no. 23,

and of
land,
newly ac-
quired,
in Marsh
Gibbon:
also con-
firmation
of exemp-
tions,

and of juris-
diction,

as in no. 13.

¹ Marginal note: 'Lybertyes.'

² Read 'W. London., G. Roffense, epi-
scopis,' &c. The place is Hadloo. The
Latin gives the date.

³ For Henry 'III': see note to no. 33.

⁴ Sic, probably for 'all þ^e yiftes or yev-

yngeſ.' Latin is 'omnes donationes sub-
scriptas.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'Note the fredoms
of this Monasteri.'

⁶ Added from the Latin.

* leaf 9.

þe which þe forsaide yevynges fredoms and quitynges fully ben conteyned, resonably witnyssed. * Wherefore we wil and surely commaunde, for vs and our heyres, that þe forsaide Abbot & chanons and þer successours foreuer haue and holde and¹ þe forsaide londis and þe forsaide tenementes with all here pertences, and that they haue þe forsaide fredoms and quitynges² well and In peece, frely and quietly, fully and worshipfully, in-to perpetuell almes, with all fredoms and fre customs to theñ perteynyng as hit is i-saide before. These³ witnessses, &c².

1267,
Jan. 23.

[33.] Grauntyng and confermyng beste⁴ of Kyng⁵ Henry the iiij. not Derby, vpon þe grete charter⁶ and oþer ffredoms.

Henry III,

recites
no. 21,viz. Robert
Doyly II's
pretended
grant to
Oseney,of Oseney
island, &c.

HENRY, by the grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, lorde of Irlande, and Duke of Gyeñ, to Archiebisshops Bisshops Abbotes 12 priors Erles Barons Justices Shreves Revys Minsters & to all Bayleffes and to his true meñ helth. We have i-see þe charter þe which sometyme Robert Doylly maade to god and to saynte Marye and to þe chanoñs of Oseney In thes wordes: 16

Be hit i-know to all cristen meñ that I, Robert Doylly, willyng and grauntyng Edithe my wiffe and my soones Henry and Gilbert, yeve and graunt, in-to pure & perpetuell Almes, to þe church of god and of saynte marye his modur and to þe 20 chanons regulers in hit seruyng god þe which I (counsellyng and confermyng Robert by the grace of god Bisshop of lincoln) foundid in þe Ile þe which is i-called Oseney, for þe helth of þe Kyng and þe welth of all þe Reame and also for my helth and 24 of my wiffe and of my soones, of kynnesfolkes, and of our frendes, all that is myne In the forsaide Ile, with all dwellynges þe which I had vpon þe were the which is of myne Milles,

¹ By a slip for 'all': 'omnes predictas terras.'

² 'quietancias.'

³ The Latin supplies the date.

⁴ Latin order: 'confirmacio optima.'

⁵ This frequently repeated reckoning of Henry, King of England 1216-72, as Henry 'IV,' comes from taking into the list as Henry 'III', Henry (eldest son of Henry II), crowned at Westminster 1170, died 1183. The words 'not Derby' show

that the translator adequately distinguished the grantor of this charter from Henry, King of England 1399-1413 (Henry IV), who was styled 'earl of Derby' from 1380, during the lifetime of his father John 'of Gaunt,' Duke of Lancaster, who had married the heiress of Henry Plantagenet (died 1361), Earl of Derby.

⁶ i. e. the spurious no. 21, invented after 1235 (no. 32), and now, 1267, accepted as genuine. See no. 38.

and all that I hadd^t in the Borowghe of Oxonforde or in þe Subarbes, and þe church of seynte George the which is i-set in the castell of oxonforde, with all churches and chapels, londes
 4 Rentes tenementes tithis and possessions and oper thynges to þe saide church of saynte George perteynyng, þat is to say, the church of saynte Marye Mawdeſen þe which is i-set in þe subarbes of oxonforde, and oper thynges as þey ben i-conteyned
 8 in the saide charter of Robert Doylly, the which is þe first of this title: and pese witnesses.

and of St. George's church,

Addicion of the Kyng to þe forsaide thynges, saying: We truly þe forsaide yevyng, and grauntyng hauyng ferme and
 12 lefe¹, them, for vs and ou^r heyres, [² grant, and confirm . . .

and confirms it.

Besides, we have granted for us and our heyres] to god and seynte Marye of Oseney and to þabbot and chanons pere seruyng god and for euer to serue, that þey as to alle here
 16 demaynys londes³ and tenementes be quite for euer of all maner sutes of Shires and Hundredes and of ou^r oper courtes, and that thabbot aforesaide and [his] successours be quite⁴ for euer fro lawe day⁵ in euery place in oure reame, And
 20 also of turnys of schreuys, [⁶ whether by our sheriffs] or by ou^r bayllyffes, in what-so-euer places þey be holde. We haue i-grauntid^t also, for vs and ou^r eyres, to þabbot and chanons aforsaide that they foreuer, of here wodes⁷ beyng

He also confirms exemptions as in no. 13. Grant of exemption from view of frank-pledge and sheriff's tourns throughout England;

24 within þe bondes⁸ of ou^r forest in þe shire of oxonforde and of Buckynham, frely and with-oute vywe and Deliueryng and daunger of þe forsters or verders or of ou^r any oper Baylyffes, maye take and carye here storys⁹, with-oute
 28 ocasion and lette, with-oute waste or destruccion or copies¹⁰ therof to be i-made, so that if wast¹⁰ or Destruccion þerof þey make by sellyng, or in oper-wise, therof they be i-punysshed after passise of ou^r forest, savyng napeles to thabbot and to þe
 32 forsaide chanons, in all and þorowgh all, þere fredoms * þe

and of freedom of their woods, if within the royal forests, from control of the foresters, subject only to making good wilful 'waste' by sentence of the assise of the forest.
 * leaf 9, back.

¹ 'ratas habentes et gratas.'

² Added from the Latin.

³ 'quoad omnes dominicas terras.'

⁴ Marginal notes: 'Nota well this priuelege.' 'Nota for þ^e lawe day quite thorowgh þ^e Reame.' The part of the charter from this point to the foot of the page is emphasized by a marginal line, and outside it 'nota.'

⁵ 'de visu franci plegii.'

⁶ Added from the Latin.

⁷ Marginal note: 'Nota freedom of þ^e forest.'

⁸ 'infra metas.'

⁹ 'estovers': 'estoveria.'

¹⁰ Read 'coppice'; i. e. disforested the ground. Latin: 'absque vasto seu destructione vel assartis inde faciendis.'

Confirma-
tion of
their forest
rights in
Hildesden,
Forest-
hill, and
Stowe,
Oxon.

which þey haue by the chaſter of worthy remembraunce of lorde John sumtyme Kyng of Inglonde ouſ fadur, of þere wodes¹ of Hildesden in the forsaide ſhire, and ſauyng to þeſe here parkes and groves of fforsthull² and stow² i-closed, with ffredom and⁴ quietyng the which in þe ſame hiderto þey haue i-woned to haue. Theſe witneſſes &c^o. þe date, ꝑ.

About
1150.

[34.] A confirmacion of Theobalde Archiebiſſhop of Caunterbury of all owſ Goodes.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
archbiſhop
Theobald,

THEOBALDE, By the grace of god Archiebiſſhop of Caunterbery, and of all Inglonde primate, & popis legate, to broduſ⁸ Wigooode prior of Osney helth, ꝑ. To ryȝhtfull peticionſ ꝑ. we ȝeuyng aſſent, all churchis and londes and tithis and howſe rentes³ and all thynges þe which the church of Saynte Marye, to þe which þou art hede (by the help of god), lawfully hath¹² i-purchased⁴, or in tyme to be by ryȝhtfull wysys⁵ may be i-purchased, with this preſent wrytyng we conferme hit, and by the autorite of þe office that we haue we make hit ſtrong, pluckers away of theſe, and pullers⁶, afore þe ſete of þe euer-¹⁶ laſtyng Jugge to be i-dampned we denunce, and fro this preſent church we ſequeſtre theſe but þey leue and with meke ſatisfaccion criſtes patrimonye be beſy to reforme hit; and to þe keepers peece be of ouſ lorde Iheſu criſte þe which when he was²⁰ riche for vs was i-made powre þat he wolde make vs riche with his pouerte and wolde hele with his infirmite⁷.

of all their
eſtates,
preſent
and to be
acquired.

Anathema
againſt
injurers.

About
1163.

Confirma-
tion to Oſe-
ney, by
archbiſhop
Thomas
Becket,

[35.] THOMAS, By the grace of god Archiebiſſhop of Caunterberye, and of all Inglonde primate, and popis legate, to all²⁴ true meſe of ouſ holy moduſ the church þorowgh Inglonde beyng, both now and to be, both clerkes and laye meſe, helth and bleſſhyng. Of the office i-committid to vs, to þe petitions which we knowe to perteyne to þe Encreſyng of religion, lyȝht²⁸

¹ Marginal note: 'Nota Hildesden by Kyng John charter afore.' Hildesden was in Forest-hill parish, but held of the royal manor of Brill, Bucks (*Rotul. Hundred.* i. 22, col. 1).

² Names noted in the margin.

³ 'domorum redditus.'

⁴ 'adepta est.'

⁵ 'iustis modis.'

⁶ 'et distractores.'

⁷ The general absence of rubrics from this point indicates that the treatise was never brought to a conclusion.

⁸ 'Admonemur . . . facilem ac benignum prebere assensum.' Notice how the slavish following of the Latin order darkens the English. 'We be "constered" . . . to grant light and benign assent' is meant.

and benyng to graunt assent we þen constered. Wherefore of
 our most dere soonys (chanons, that is to say, of Seynte marye
 of Oseney) we¹ grauntyng to þere meke axinges, graunte, and
 4 with this present wrytyng in-to perpetuell almes conferme, to
 them and to þe monasterj, in the which þey þen i-geve to goddis
 seruike, the church of Seynte George þe which is i-sett in the
 castell of oxonforde, with all tenauntries and possessions and
 8 with all thynges to þe same church perteyning, In tithis In
 londis In men In fredoms and in all other rentes, as our
 worschipfull proper [Robert²] bisshop of lincoln to þem grauntid,
 with þe wilfull³ consent of þe Kyng and of the Aduocates of
 12 the same church, and with his charter confermed, þe which with
 our hyes we saw, and as his charter witnessith. Of this our
 confirmacion trowblers we denunce the perell of dampnacion to
 be wy3the them, And to the keepers of hit goddis blesshyng and
 16 our haue. ffare ye well.

of St.
 George's
 church
 and its
 property,
 as in no. 26.

Anathema
 against
 violators.

[36.] THOMAS⁴, By the grace of god Archiebisshop of Cauntur-
 bury, of all Inglonde primate, and popes legate, to all Bisshops
 Archedecons and prestis, In whoos powre and parish been tithis
 20 to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney perteynyng, helth.
 Owre mooste dere soonys chanons of Oseneye have i-playned to
 vs summe tithis to the ryght of þere church longyng, agaynste
 ry3ght, of summe men to be with-holde. therfore be this wry*tyng
 24 we chargh 3ow that 3e call them streytly þe which holde
 the ry3ght of the forsaide church and ste⁵ them that þey hooly
 restore þem. And if they will not restore, restreyne ye þe
 same fro the brynkes [or] bondis⁶ of þe church⁷. ffare 3e well.

About
 1155?
 Letter of
 archbishop
 Theobald,

ordering
 due pay-
 ment of
 tithes to
 Oseney,
 * leaf 10.
 on pain of
 excom-
 munica-
 tion.

28 [37.] To all cristen men to þe which this present wrytyng
 shall come, Hugh⁸, By the grace of god Bisshop of lincoln, helth

About
 1195.

¹ 'piis postulationibus annuentes.'

² Added from the Latin.

³ 'unanimes consensu.'

⁴ Marginal note: 'Nota and marke this letter & execute hit.' The beginning in the Latin is 'T. dei gracia': the endorsement was originally 'T. Cantuariensis,' but a later hand prefixed 'Sci.' The Rubric in the Latin takes up the error: 'Item littera eiusdem Sancti Thome.' The original deed in Christ Church Treasury

has preserved its seal, which is that of Theobald. I owe all this information to the Rev. H. Salter.

⁵ 'admoneatis.'

⁶ 'brinks or bounds' is the usual alternative rendering of one Latin word: 'a limitibus sancte ecclesie.'

⁷ MS. repeats 'of þe church.'

⁸ 'Confirmatio sancti Hugonis' in the Latin.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
the bishop
of Lincoln,
the diocesan,

of their
property,
especially
their
churches,

viz. five of
the foun-
der's gift
(no. 12);

also of
St. George's
(no. 23);

St. Mary
Magdalene;
Stowe;
Cowley;
Iffley;

Watling-
ton;

Stone, with
Southcote;

and goddis blesshyng. Peticions, þ. ffor this cawse, of our most dere brethryñ, Abbot and chanons of the church of seynte Marye of Oseney, we to þere ryȝhtfull axinges grauntyng¹, þeñ and þere monastery in the which þey þen i-ȝefe to goddis seruice vñdur the proteccion of god and of the holy church of lincoln and our we take: possessions also and rentes, and namely² churchys or chapeßs with vicarages [and tithes³] and other thynges to them perteynyng þe which in þe bisshoprich of 8 lincoln þe same brethryñ resonably haue i-purchasyd; to them By the auctorite that we haue [we] conferme. In the which, þese to be i-schewed in there owne names wee⁴ have a-vised:—

Of the yfte of Robert Doylly of the forsaide monastery fundar¹² and also off Henry Doylly the ffirste and of Henry Doylly and Robert the soones of hym, the churches⁵ of Cudelynton, of Weston, of Cleydon, of Hokenorton, of chesterton;

Also of Henry Doylly the firste and of Henry and Robert¹⁶ the soonys of hym and also of the yfte of John of Seynte John and of Bernarde of Seynte Walerye and of Bernarde his soone and principally of Moolde themperice and of here soone Kyng Henry þe secunde, the church of Seynte George þe which is²⁰ i-sett in the castell of oxonforde, with the church of Seynte Marye Mawdeßen, and the churchis of stowe, of Coveleye, and Iueteleye⁶, and with all oper to þe church of seynte george pertinences, sauynge the composicioñ i-maade bytwene the church²⁴ of Oseney and Robert of Seynte Remye vppoñ the church of Iueteleye⁶ the which for-asmuch that we wille hit to be Sure with this writyng we conferme hit.

Also of the yfte of Henry Doylly the ffirst and of Henry and²⁸ Robert his soonys and also of the yfte of Halinalde of Bidun and of William Paganess and sare his wiffe, the church of Watlynton;

Of þe yfte of William Bracy and of gilbert his soone, the³² church of Stanes, with the chapeß of Suthcote;

¹ 'graunting' = assenting: 'annuentes.'

² 'precipue.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ 'duximus.'

⁵ The names of 18 churches and chapels are noted in the margin, in the same order as in the text, 'Iveteleye' being left out.

⁶ In the English MS. the first letter or letters of this name are vaguely formed, and might be either Ine or Me, as though the writer felt doubtful of the name. In the Latin it is 'Iuetele,' i.e. Iffley (Ifteley or Yefteley).

Of the yifte of [Hugh of] Tywe, the chapel of fforsthull, Forest-hill; sauynge þe composicion¹ i-maade Bitwene the church of Oseneye and the church of seynte frideswith vppon the same chapel;

4 Of the yifte of William fyht Elie and of Emme his wiffe and of William pere soone, the church of Waterperye; Water-perry;

Of the yifte of Robert Gayti, þe church of Hampton gayte; Hampton Gay;

Of the yifte of Roger of seynte John and of William his 8 broþer, þe church of Bartoñ, with the chapel of Saunforde and of ledewell; Steeple Barton, with Sandford St. Martin and Ledwell; Blackbourton.

And of þe yifte of Raph Murdac and Hugh of Burtoñ, þe chapel of Burtoñ.

12 Þerfore we wille and sadly² ordeyne that now the seyde church and Brethryñ of Oseney all the fornamed thynges frely and holy foreuer have and be possessed, sauynge the bisshopis customs and the Digniteis of the church of lincoln. And that 16 this oure confermyng, ꝑ.

[38.] To all soones of oure hooly modur the church to þe which 1259, this present writynge schall come, ꝑ. Richard³, by the Mercy June 23. of god Bisshop of lincoln, euerlastyng helth in oure lorde. Confirmacion to Oseney, by the diocesan, * leaf 10, back.

20 Knowe þe all þat we, of the consent and wilf of oure loued soone, Robert⁴, Deen, and of the chapter of lincoln, for goddis sake, we graunte, and By the bisshops auctorite we conferme, to the church of seynte Marye of Oseney and to the chanons there

24 seruyng god, the church of seynte George þe which is i-sett in the castell of oxonford, with all his Integrite or holenysse, and with all his pertinences and partiellis in the seyde diocese beyng or i-sett, In tithis Rentes londis and pere possessions and in all 28 oper thynges and places to the same sayde church perteynyng, in-to pere owne vsys for euer to be had and to be possessed and⁵ to be conuertid or turnyd: In the which, pese in here

32 Marye Mawdeken þe which is i-sett in the strete withoute þe owid names we wilf expresse, that is to say, the church of seynte Marye St. Mary Magdalene.

¹ See the Latin text in Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frideswide's*, ii. 199.

² 'firmiter.'

³ Richard of Gravesend, bishop of Lincoln 1258-81. This confirmation appears to be one of the deeds which were used in the fabrication of no. 21. It brings in

tithe of a hide in Cassington, not hitherto mentioned.

⁴ Robert de Mariscis, dean of Lincoln 1258-60.

⁵ Alternative rendering: 'et convertenda.'

Northzate of Oxonforde, and iij. hides of londe of Walton, with þe tithis of the same londe; and the londe of Cudeslawe; and the londe of Coveley, with the church; and the londe of stowe, with the church; and ij. hides of Morton; and the londe of 4 Worton; and j. hide of Sannforde; and ij. hides of Ernycote; and j. 3erde of londe in Hokenorton; and ij. parties of tithe of all thyng þe which is wonyd to be tithid in the demayne of these maners, that is to say, of Berencester, Erdynton, Beter- 8 inton, Tenesshe, Perieth¹, Tywe, Wyke, Erdusfley, Heyforde, Thrope, Bereforde, Shireburū of Eyþer courte, Withhuſt, Thorneton, Kencote, Norton, Horspathe, Hensynton, ludwell, Rodelsham of eyþer courte, Blechesdon, Weston, Buckenhuſt, 12 Stratforde, Westbury, Thorneborowgh, Weston by Ciltre, Wygyn- ton, Swereforde, Goryng, Estcote of the fee that longeth to þe casteſt of oxonford, leges, Shaldeston, Elsfelde, Herdewyke, Turesmeſ, Craneforde, Tynforde, Treton, Euere, Radcliue, 16 Bampton, Haurugge, Coleston, Messeworth, Clopham, Duke- lynton; In Wolgarcote all the tithe of the demayne; In bekeley, ij. parties of tithe of all þe towne; in Garsynton², tithe of j. hide; In Baldynton, tithe of iij. hides; In Acle, tithe of all 20 the townd: therefore we wiſt and sadly charge or ordeyne þat now þe saide church and chanons i-myndid of Oseney all the fornamed thynges, of our graentyng and confirmacion and speciall grace, frely and hooly, in-to here owne vses haue and 24 possesse, savyng in all thynges þe Bisshops customs and the dignite of þe church of lincoln. In-to witnenysse of þe which pyng, to this present wrytyng our seele, to-geder with þe seele off our Chapter of the church of lincoln, we haue i-maade to be 28 put to. Þe Date ix. KK. Julij In þe 3ere of our lorde M^t CC lix. and In þe fiſt 3ere of our Bisshiphode.

About
1140.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Robert
Doyly II,

[39.] —Know all Cristen men that I, Robert Doylly³, haue grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, for me and 32 myne heyres, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseneye and to þe chanons there seruynge god foreuer, for my helth and of Edithe my wiffe, kynnesfolkes⁴, and of my ffrendes,

¹ 'Tenyeth,' in no. 21.

² 'Karsintona' in the Latin; i. e. Cas-
sington.

³ Name noted in margin.

⁴ 'et parentum.'

in-to free pure et perpetuell almes, all londes Rentes tithes
tenementes and possession, both of þe church and of þe
layse¹, þe which þey haue of my yifte and of þe yiftes of my
4 meñ, and which of me or my heyres and of my meñ þey
may gete in tyme to be, in all my maners, with all liberteis
and fre customs þe which euer I have i-hadde, or any of
my aunceturs, or in tyme to be [I] maye² gete or my heyres
8 maye gete.

And I have i-grauntid also to þe same chanons and to
þere successours, for me and for my heyres, that þey haue
þere * courte foreuer fre³ in all my maners of all þere meñ
12 for all mysdoynge or defawtes wheresoeuer and whansoeuer
and⁴ of what-soeuer þey happe; and pat þey and there meñ
be quite foreuer fro all maner sutes of my courte foreuer
fre in all my maners and of my heyres, and of lawday, and
16 of such thynges þe which longen to vywe or lawday, and
of all sutes of my mylles, and of all helpis tallages exaccions
quarels or playntes and demaundis; and if⁵ for fleyng or
felonye oony of there meñ ofte to lese his catell, þey shall
20 be of the chanons, withoute oony witholdyng to me or to
my heyres; And if bestes or catañ in londis or tenementes
of the same chanons or of there meñ tenautes⁶ be i-founde
or aretid, I graunt, for me and my heyres, to þem and to
24 þere successours what-soeuer⁷ thyng þerof to me or to
oony of myne by lawe maye falle or shall⁸ mowe foreuer;
Also if they or oony of þer meñ be⁹ amercyd agaynste me
or my heyres or my Baylyffes or my meñ, for what-soeuer
28 cause or trespass or forfeite, all þe mercys and merciamentes
and all fines and all profites and all owtynges of pleys þe which
come forth of theñ or þere meñ shall be of þe same chanons,
withoute oony witholdyng to me or to my heyres, wheþer
32 hit be for a defawte or for oony oþer cawse. I have

the founder,
of all property
acquired from
himself or his
tenants,

with all per-
quisites;

and grant of
exemptions
from hisfeudal

* leaf 11.

superiority,
viz. right to
hold court for
their own
tenants,
free of suit to
Doyly court-
baron or Doyly
view of frank-
pledge, or
Doyly mills or
Doyly feudal
claims;
right to felon's
goods of their
own tenants;
right to such
escheats of
their property
as fall to the
Doylys as lords
of the manor;

right to fines
imposed on
their tenants;

¹ 'layfee' (i.e. lay fee) in the recitation
in no. 93: 'tam laicas quam ecclesiasticas';
i. e. temporal and spiritual.

² 'perquirere potero.'

³ Marginal note: 'liberties.'

⁴ 'et undecunque euenerint.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'bona felonum.'

⁶ 'vel eorum tenencium.'

⁷ Marginal note: 'escaeta.'

⁸ 'vel poterit in perpetuum.'

⁹ Marginal note: 'amerciamenta &
fines.' The distinction, a vague one, be-
tween these was, that 'amercements' were
penalties imposed by the judgement of the
affecters where there was no fixed penalty;
'fines' were penalties where statute or cus-
tom fixed the amount. This deed seems
one of those used in fabricating no. 21.

exemption
of Oseney
and Oseney
tenants
from forced
labours, or
imprison-
ment;
grants of
fishery
and pan-
nage rights,
except in
enclosed
fish-ponds
and parks;
of common
pasture;
of right to
take out
of pound,
on giving
surety,
cattle im-
pounded,
and to
make good
the damage
by private
treaty;
of wood
to repair
houses
and fences,
and for
fuel;

of right to
choose
their own
head, and
to appoint
and dismiss
all their
stewards.

i-grauntid also to þe same chanon̄s, and to þere successours,
þat noþer I noþer my heyres noþer none in owre name or¹ of
owre maye here-after axe of the forsaide chanon̄s or þere succes-
sours or þere meñ oony custom̄ or seruice or bondage, noþere² 4
[þere] meñ in-to prison̄ or in-to bondis or in-to stokke putte for
oony trespace or forfeite, but with open̄ thefte or mansslautter
vppon̄ my demayne londis they be take and' attachid. I will
also, and' surely commaunde, for me and' my heyres, þat þe for- 8
saide chanons and' þere successours and' þere meñ haue weñ and'
in peece³, in all my maners wodis and' waters pondis and'
ffischynges, fre fisshyng, and' fre entrie and' goyng oute and
pannage of þere hogges quyte, outetake stywys and' my parkes 12
closid' in. And' that þey haue fre commune to þere shepe and'
hogges and' to all other bestes in all my maners in⁴ wodis, and'
that þey be not Inparkid' or pownyd' but þey be i-founde in
open̄ harme; And' if that happe, by borowgh þey receyue here 16
bestes, and' after by þe syȝht of lawfull meñ þe harme that
þere bestes haue i-doo, oute of my courte, þey make hit to be
amendid'. To þese thynges we haue i-grauntid' for me and' my
heyres howsebote and' haybote and' to be brenned' resonably at 20
here graunges, of my wodis⁵ in there places where I have wodis.
Also I will and' graunte, for me and' my heyres foreuer, that þe
saide chanons and' successours mowe chese to þeñ and' ordeyne⁶
a prelate to þere will, after þe decese of euery prelate, withoute 24
lette of me or of my heyres; And' þat þey maye putte, haue,
and' putt away, in all here granges and' þynges, kepers suche as
semyeth to þeñ and' to þere howse to be goode⁷. And' þat þis
my yifte graunt and' confirmacion of this charter be stāble and' 28
sure foreuer, To this writyng my seele I haue i-putte to. These
witnesses⁸ &c⁹.

About
1200.
Confirma-
tion to

[40.] BE hit i-know to all cristen meñ both present and' to
be that I, Henry Doylly⁹ p^e soone of Henry Doylly, my lorde þe 32
Kynges constable, haue i-grauntid', and' with this present charter

¹ 'vel ex nostris.'

² Marginal note: 'not to imprison any man except for open theft or manslaughter.'

³ Marginal note: 'Nota freedom grete: fre fishings (commune).'

⁴ Read 'and': 'et boscis meis.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'Nota: Marke well.'

⁶ Marginal note: 'Nota this grete priuelege.'

⁷ 'expedire.'

⁸ Enumerated in the recitation, no. 93.

⁹ Marginal note: 'Henry Doylly 2.'

have i-confermed, to god^d and to þe church of Seynte Marye of
 Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for my helth and
 of Sibille my wiffe and of Moolde my dowȝhter and for þe sowles
 4 of my fadur and modur and for þe sowle of my broþer Robert
 Doylly and for þe sowles of all my aunceturs, in-to free and
 perpetuell almys, all þe possession̄s of þe church and layfee þe
 which þey haue * of þe giftes of myne aunceturs and of my zifte
 8 and of þe giftes of my men̄, as þe charters of them̄ witnysses,
 with all fredom̄s and fre customs and quytynges. I haue i-
 grauntid also to þe forsaide chanon̄s that þey haue þere courte
 of þere men̄ where-euer they wilȝ; and I haue relesed and quyte-
 12 claymed þem̄ for euer, both Abbot and þe Couent of Oseneye
 and þere men̄, in all my maners fro þe sute of my courte, and
 fro sute of my Milles, and of all oper sutes, but of these were¹
 lyfe and membre lyith to², And to þe lawday; so napeles pat
 16 all mercys and mercementes and all fines and all profites and all
 goynges oute of pleis þe which come of þere men̄, vppon Euery
 side and whenne-soeuer and wheresoeuer þey falle, schall be of
 þe forsaide chanon̄s, withoute oony witholdyng, opere hit be
 20 for defawte or for [any other³] cawse; and if oony of þere men̄
 for oony forfete hath i-flowe⁴ and to ryȝht he wille not stande,
 and þe forfete be such for þe which his catell he ofte to lese,
 þey shall be fully of þe chanon̄s. Also I haue i-grauntid⁵ to þe
 24 forsaide chanons, for me and myne heyres, that noþer I, noþer
 my heyres, noþer none of our̄, maye hereforth or hereafter axe of
 þe forsaide chanon̄s, noþer of þere men̄, oony custom̄ or seruice
 or bondage, noþer þere men̄ to put in-to prison̄ or bondis or in-
 28 to stocke, but þe forfete be such for þe which he ofte to lese lyfe
 or membre. I wilȝ also and surely charge that þe forsaide
 chanon̄s and þere men̄ have well and in pece in all my maners
 here pasture to þere bestes and to þere shepe and hogges, as þe
 32 charters of my aunceturs and myne witnysses; and that þey be
 not Inparked or pynnyd, but þey be founde in harmyng, Where
 (A⁶ wodde I-ȝefe) þey may receyue þere cataill, and after⁷ þe
 lawe of þe contree for þe harme satisfye. I haue i-graunted to
 36 þem̄ also (pat is to say, to þe forsaide chanon̄s) that þey maye

Oseney,
 by Henry
 Doyly II,

* leaf 11,
 back.
 of all
 grants
 made by
 his ances-
 tors and
 histenants;
 and of the
 privileges
 and exemp-
 tions con-
 ferred in
 no. 39.

¹ 'ubi.'

² 'adiacet.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'liberties.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁶ i.e. a surety being given.

⁴ 'fugerit.'

⁷ 'secundum legem provincie.'

ffrely putte, and haue, and putte aweye, in all pere pynges or goodis, the keepers such as þey know not¹ to be goode to þeīm and to pere howse, & þat þis my gifte, &c².

1152.
Confirmation to
Oseney,
by pope
Eugenius
III,

of all their
estates,

viz. of St.
George's
church and
its belong-
ings as in
nos. 29 and
34, and a
grant in-
corporated
in the
spurious
no. 21,

[41.] EUGENYE, Bisshop, *seruaunte* of seruauntes of god, 4
to his loued soonys Wigode prior of seynte Marye of Oseney
and to his brethren, both present And to be, chanon³, &c. the for-
saide church, in þe which 3e ben i-3efe to goddis seruice, vndur
seynte petur & our proteccion we take, and with þe priuilege of 8
this present writyng we make stronge, ordenyng þat all pos-
session³ and all goodis of² þe same church now ry3ghtfully and
lawfully hath in possession, or in tyme to be by þe graunte
of Bisshopis, 3evyng of Kynges or of princys, by offryng of 12
cristen men, or by oper ry3ghtfull maners (our lorde grauntyng)
ye may purchase, sure to 3ow and to 3owr successours and
vntastid³ byde þey. In the which, þese we wille in pere owne
names to be schewed:—the church of Seynte George, with 16
all his ry3ght that he hath within þe walf of Oxonforde and
abowte, as owr worschipfull broþer Robert, Bisshop of lincoln,
with resonable avise hath i-grauntid yow, and boþe he and our
worschipfull fadu^r Theobalde, Archiebisshop of Caunturberye, 20
popis legate, with paffermynge of pere writynges haue i-made
stronge; and, to þe same church longyng and hangyng, þe
church of Seynte Marye Mawdeleyⁿ, þe londe of Walton, with
þe medys and other pynges longyng to hit, and þe tithe of 24
þe same londe; In Cudeslawe, iij. hides of londe, with men and
his opere pertinences; In Ernycote, ij. hides of londe, with
þe woode and his opere pertinences; þe londe of Worton, with
his pertinences; þe londe of Stowe, with his pertinences, and 28
þe church of þe same towne; In sanforde, j. hide of londe, with
his pertinences; Twey *parties of tithys of þese maners vndur-
write, Hokenorton, Cudelynton, Burcet^r, Harewell, Watlynton,
Ardynton, Botrynton, ledecumbe, Burton, Asshe, pirye, Tywe, 32
Wyke, Erdufley, Heyforde, Hampton gaytorum, ffullewell,
Thrope, Bereforde, Shireburⁿ of both courtis, Tetteburye,
Whithull, Treton, Kenycote, Norton, Horspathe, Hensynton,

* leaf 12.

¹ 'quales sibi et domui sue noverint expedire.' The translator, thinking of dismissal for incompetence, inserts the nega-

tive.

² For 'of' read 'which.'

³ 'illibata.'

- ludwell, Rolesham of both courtes, Blechesdon, Weston, Bokenhuff, Stratforde, Westbury, Thornborowgli, Weston, Wygynton, Swerforde, Escote of þe fe þe which perteyneth to oxonforde;
- 4 In clopham halfe of þe tithe of þe Demayne; In Barton, þe tithe of j. hide; In Garsynton¹, ij. parties of þe tithe of j. hide.
- ffurþermoꝛ, of ouȝ worschipfull broþer John² bisshop of Wyrceſter, the church of Bibury³, with chapells, tithis and oþer
- 8 pertinences, and þe tithe of here salte of þe Wyche⁴; þe church of turkeden; the church of Rysynden; þe church of Messewurth; þe church of Haurugge; þe church of ledecumbe; þe church of fforsthull, with his pertinences; of þe yifte of
- 12 Hugh Tywe, his londis of Burton⁵.
- ffor this we decree that hit be not lawfull to no mañ vturly⁶ frowardly to trobuſſ þe forsaide church, or his possessionȝ to take awaye, or to withholde them i-take awaye, to make þeñ
- 16 lasse, or to very þeñ with oony vexacions, but that þey aſſ clenly and hooly be keped for þe gouernynge And susteynyng of þeñ of þe which þey haue be grauntid to profite in aſſ maner vsys, Sauynge þe lawfull ryght of the Bisshopis Diocesanyȝ.
- 20 Perfore if oony persone of the church or seculer this writynge of ouȝ confirmacion will tempte frowardly to come agaynste hit, twyis or thryis i-warned, but he correcte his presumption with conuenient satisfaccion, he lacke or lese the dignite of his power
- 24 and worschip, and lete hym know hym-selfe gilty to be to goddis Juggement of his wikudnesse i-do, and that he is alienyd or i-put fro the mooste holy body and bloode of god and of ouȝ lorde Ihu criste ouȝ agayne-byere Ihu criste, and be he vndur to
- 28 þe streyte veniaunce in the laste doome. And to aſſ keypyng to þe same place þere ryghtes be peece of ouȝ lorde Ihu criste, that both here þe frute off goode doynge þey take, and afore þe streyte Juge þe rewardis of euerlastyng life fynde þey.
- 32 Amen. In the yere of ouȝ lorde M⁺ Clii. of the Bisshiphode of pope Euyenye the iij., vij. 3ere.

with tithe
in Cassing-
ton,

and of the
churches of
Bibury,
Turkdean,
Rissington,
Marsworth,
Hawridge,
Letcombe,
Foresthill;
and of
lands in
Black-
bourton.

Anathema
against
violators of
this deed.

¹ 'In Kersintona' in the Latin; i. e. Cassington.

² John de Pageham, bishop of Worcester 1151⁰-57.

³ Name noted in margin.

⁴ Marginal note: 'tithe of salt of Wyche.'

⁵ Name noted in margin. The Latin

adds: 'and of Forsthull with their pertinences.' Burton is Blackbourton. Wood's conjecture (*City of Oxford*, ii. 191) is wrong.

⁶ 'ut nulli omnino hominum liceat.' The double negative is a feature of this translation.

About
1192?

[42.] Thomas of saint Walerys confirmacion.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Thomas of
St. Valerie,

of all
grants
made of
his fee,

with ex-
emption
from scu-
tage.

Know þey that beñ present and to be that I, Thomas of Seynte Walerye, by the counseñ and peticion of Ele my wiffe and of goode meñ, haue i-grauntid [and] confermyd, for my helth and of myne and for the sowles of my aunceturs and of my 4 Brethryñ, to þe church of seynte Marye of Oseney and to þe chanonß þere seruyng god, all the possessions of my ffee to þe church of Seynte George þe which in the castell of Oxonforde is i-sett perteynyng, both of my lordshippis and of my tenaun- 8 tries of my meñ, In meñ In londis and tithys and in all oper thynges: to be holde, in-to fre and pure and perpetueñ almys. And I wilñ and commaunde that þe londis of them þe which¹ beñ of my ffee be lose and quite fro scuage, tallage, & all oper 12 seculer exaccions to me perteynyng. These witnesses, ð.

137^½,
Feb. 22.

[43.] a composicion betwene the towne of Oxford & Osney tempore Edwardi tercij confirmand. omnes libertates usque bokebynders brudge.

The dis-
pute be-
tween
Oseney, and
Oxford,

as to juris-
diction in
Oseney and
* leaf 12,
back.

Warham-
bank (no.
12),
where
Oseney
claimed
feudal
lordship
(as in no.
13),
and the
town of
Oxford
claimed
municipal
rights,

SITH² diuerse debatis and Challenges haue i-be i-mevid³ afore þese owres, betwene thabbot and Couent of Osney of the oone partie, and the Mayre and communitie of oxonforde on the 16 oper partie, of the Kynges ffranchises and other thynges towchyng them, that is to say, of all þe partie of the Ile of Oseneye that longeth to þe Abbot and Couent, to-gedur with all ten*auntes vppon þe weer of þe Millis of þe castell of oxon- 20 ford the which were the saide Abbot and Couent claymyñ as parcelle of þere parte of þe Ile aforsaide, with-in þe which parte of þe Ile aforsaide to-gedur also with þe forsaide were þey claymyñ vywe³ of franciplege (or lawday), and al-so-muche 24 as longeth to þe laweday, catellys of ffugityfs and felons, sock sack tol tem and Infangenthefe, and that þe saide Abbot and couent, there tenauntes and meñ, shall be quyte of Shires hundredis wardes Daneyeldys & all pleis and oper exaccions and 28 quarels, outetake murthur and thefte i-preuyd; and with-in the same boundis the mayre and communes of oxonford claymyñ all maner ffranchises as þey haue with-in þe towne of oxonforde, as

¹ 'terre eorum que de feodo meo sunt, solute sint et quiete.'

² In the Christ Church MS. this agree-

ment is in French, at this place; and an English version is given at folio 323.

³ MS. has 'rywe,' by a slip.

a parcell of þe subarbes of þe sayde towñ; of þe which debates and chalanges þe parties aforsaide haue i-putte þem-selfe in sub-mitting and ordinaunce of the bisshop of lincoln¹ prayng hyñ
 4 as þere fadur spiritueñ to do bytwene them a finall discussyng and a goode a-corde in þat partie: þe saide bisshop sawe þe Euidences of þe oone partie and of þe oper, and consideryng þe saide Ile², al so weñ³ þe partie of þe saide Abbot and Couent
 8 as the partie of the honowre of Seynte Walerye, and the ffraunchises of þem, by goode avisement⁴ in this wise he declared and Juggid⁵ finally in manere the which suyth: that is to say, þe saide Abbot and Couent haue ryghit, as of þe fundacion
 12 of here church, to haue and to Enioye all þe ffraunchises and quytinges aforsaide, to þem and to þere successours, tenautes, and receuautes⁶, in all þe Abbey of Oseneye and in all þe remanent of þe partie of þe saide Abbot of þe saide Ile of Osney
 16 as [far as] to⁷ þe Brygge, and in all þe Brygge i-callid Bokebynderbrugge, and in all the water⁸ þe which renneth vnder the same brugge vnto þe Ryuer of themse towarde þe sowth and towarde þe North vnto þe Ende of þere ffree tenautes so that no
 20 mylle⁹ þere be leuyd or sett¹⁰; And for alteracion¹¹ of the name of the saide Brugge¹², for be-cawse þere be two brigges nyȝe togedur, In this wise it is declarid by the saide Bisshop þat þe brigge þe which streecheth ouer the streme rennyng more nyȝe
 24 þe Mille ponde of þe castell of oxonforde in þe west parte of þe saide ponde is þe saide brigge i-callid þe bokebynderbrygge; and that þe saide Maier and communes, þere heyres, ne successours, by them, ne by þere mynsters, ony demaunde clayme or

was referred to arbitration of the diocesan,

whose verdict was that

(i) Oseney should have absolute lordship within the site of the abbey, and in Oseney island and in Warham-bank as far as Bookbinders Bridge

(which bridge is defined to be the bridge nearest Castle-Mills-pond),

¹ John Bokingham, bishop 1363-98.

² Marginal note: 'the Ile of Osney parte of the honour of saint Walery.'

³ 'si bien la part . . . comme la part.'

⁴ 'par bone deliberacione.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'Note þe Juggement.'

⁶ 'reseantz.'

⁷ Marginal note: 'Nota, to bokebynder brugge the liberties of Osney to holde.' French: 'tanque al pont.' Oseney had its own court for its manor of Oseney; and claimed that the whole of Warham-bank was parcel of that manor, and so exempt from the mayor's jurisdiction. This claim was allowed only in part.

⁸ Marginal note: 'Waters.'

⁹ The town of Oxford (Wood's *City of*

Oxford, i. 404) had acquired one moiety of the Castle Mills (the other moiety remaining in the king's hands) and so coveted the water-power there. Hence the prohibition here stated.

¹⁰ Alternative rendering: 'soit leue.'

¹¹ Should be 'because of dispute about': 'et par altercacione del nom du dit Pont.'

¹² There were three bridges over the most easterly stream of Thames: (a) Hythe-bridge, most to the north; (b) Quaking-bridge, nearer to, but still north of, the Castle Mills; (c) a bridge south of the Castle Mills, possibly the one here called Bookbinders Bridge. The ground here at this time is shown tentatively in map iii, at end of Wood's *City of Oxford*, i.

except that Oseney tenants within these limits shall pay their fair share of taxes granted by parliament to the king, and of the expenses of sending burgesses to parliament, according to the old rate customary in the west suburb;

* leaf 13.

(ii) Oxford should have full jurisdiction, east of Bookbinders bridge between Hythe-bridge (north) and that bridge of the Castle Mills which is near the Greyfriars (south), over

execucion by cawse of Jurisdiccion or oony opere cawse may do within pe precyncte aforsaide, outetake pat pabbot and Couent lette not pe saide tenauntes and receyuauntes that been or shall be with-in pe precyncte above-sayde to be contributours¹ 4 with pe communitie of oxonforde to pe dyme or quinsyme or fiftene or oper subsidye² i-grauntid or to bee grauntid to pe Kyng In playne parlement³ by the communyte of the Realme and to pe Burgeys spense⁴ to such a parlement i-chose, and so 8 in pe same manere as pe tenauntes and receyuauntes the which been or shall be within the honowr of Seynte Walerye Doone and shall doo tyme to come and after pe saying of that pat⁵ in olde tyme was i-woned to be sett in the parishe⁶ of Seynte 12 Thomas Stokewelle and Twentyacre pe which were i-wonyd in commune at such a contribucion to do⁷, withoute Encrese vppon them by oony cawse to come or that maye Aryse in tymys to come, so that pe saide mayer and communitie, here heyres, and 16 successours, aquyte and discharge the sayde tenauntes and receyuauntes of pe sayde Abbot and Couent that been or shall be within pe precyncte * abovesaide that pey shall charge at such contribucion with none opere foreynys⁸. And also pe saide 20 Bisshop hathe declarid and Juggid that pe saide Mayer and communyte, here heyres, and successours, haue ryght⁹ to haue and to Enioye all pe franchises and Jurisdiccion fro pe saide Brygge i-callid Bokebynderbrygge towarde pe Est bytwene pe Brigge 24 i-callid the Hithebrigge and pe Brigge by-nethe the Millys of the castell of Oxonforde towarde pe frere Menoures of all here tenauntes and receyuauntes of the saide Abbot and Couent vppon pe were pere as pey haue within pe towne of Oxonford, so 28 that pe saide tenauntes and receyuauntes pe which been or shall be vppon the were above-saide be not i-lettid to vse And to haue frely pere Esegment of pe water of themse¹⁰ in honest

¹ Marginal note: 'with the comminalltie of Oxford to paye the Dyme, xv^{ten}, subsidie, & to the brugijs [i.e. burgesses] of parliament expenses.'

² Alternative rendering: 'au disme ou quinszime ou autre subsidie.'

³ 'en plein parlement.'

⁴ 'et a les dispenses.'

⁵ 'et ce selonc l'afferant de ceo que.'

⁶ i.e. St. Thomas' parish, with its northern districts, Stockwell (where Walton

Street now is), and Twenty-acre (about Little Clarendon Street). Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 115, mistakes the meaning of the phrase.

⁷ 'a tiel contribucione faire.'

⁸ 'qils ne seront chargez a tiel contribucione faire ouesque (= avec) autres foreynz queconques.'

⁹ Marginal note: 'liberties perteynyng to the Maire & commynaltye of Oxford & howe farre their liberties do extend.'

¹⁰ Marginal note: 'Nota.'

manere, and safe to þe sayde Abbot and Couent and to pere
 successours there free tenementes rentes and seruices and pere
 soyle¹ vppon þe same were as ryght of þe fundacion of pere
 4 church. And vppon þat as well þe sayde Abbot as þe saide
 mayre and comunys haue greably assentid to þe sayde Declara-
 cion and Juggement so i-doo by þe sayde Bisshop, as above hit
 is i-sayde, And þey holde and afferme for a-corde and fynall
 8 Juggement and discussion for all dayes of þe oon parte [and
 of the other²] withoute gyle or Euyll Engyne. In-to witnyss
 of þe which þynge to þe oone parte of this Endenture abydyng
 to þe saide mayre and communyte þe saide Abbot and Couent
 12 haue i-put pere seele, and to þe oper parte of þe Same Endentur
 abydyng to þe saide Abbot and Couent þe saide mayre and
 communyte haue i-put pere commune seele. And for gretter and
 more surete and witnyss of þe acorde and of þynges abovesaide
 16 þe saide Bisshop hath i-putt his seele to þe oone and to þe oper
 parte of þe same Endenturs: i-zeve, or þe Date, at london the
 xxij. day of ffeuerer the yere of þe regne of our lorde Kyng
 Edward þe iij. after þe Conquest þat is to say of Inglonde lj.
 20 and of ffraunce xxxviij.

Oseney
 tenants
 living
 there,
 reserving
 to Oseney
 tenants
 free use of
 the river-
 water and
 of the soil.

[VIII. OF THE MEADOWS³.]

[44.] NOTA that whenne hit is i-saide in A Charter of Robert
 Doylly owr foundar 'And all þat is myne in the forsaide Ile of
 Osney' hit is to be vndurstande of all pabbey of Osney, with
 24 hegges, wallys, and Gardeyns, with þe mede i-ioyned to hit that
 is i-callyd Orchardysmede.

Explan-
 ation of
 phrase in
 no. 12.

[45.] SEKE þe forsaide charter above In þe title of þe funda-
 cion of Osney And furpermo how 'I Henry Doylly þe secunde
 28 haue i-zeve to þe forsaide chanons for þe sowles of my kynnes-
 folkes and for my helth and of myne all my mede þe which is at
 þe weste of pere Courte of Osneye in-to perpetuell almes free
 and quyte fro all service," l.

Reference
 to no. 12,
 and to its
 confirma-
 tion in
 no. 25.

¹ Marginal note: 'reserued to Osney the soyll on the water goyng to the mylles of the Castell.'

² 'et de l'autre.'

³ Titul. VII, somewhat incorrectly, was

supposed to continue to this point: i.e. 'Howe þe church of Seynte George was i-zeve to the chanons of Osney.' The English MS. had, however, ceased to give it as a headline.

About
1240.
Extract
from
* leaf 13,
back.
charter by
Philippa,
countess of
Warwick,
granting
two mea-
dows near
Oseney,
and pas-
ture-rights
in West-
Oseney.

[46.] KNOWE all men, þ. *withinne fforþermoð* that þe seyde Countesse¹ hath i-grauntid for heð and for heð heyres to þe Abbot and Couent and * to þere successours that þey haue þere closes in goode pece and holde þeiñd foreuer, þat is to say, þe close of þe hamme [of the fee²] of Doylly and of Seynte Walerye be-hynde þe fullyng [mill²] of Oseney, and þe close that þey haue of þe ffee of Henry Symeon, þ. as within þe title of 'Hedynton,' in þe which charter is i-conteyned that 'pabbot s may haue xx^{ti} bestys in Westoseney³ after þe hey is i-mowe and i-leuyd vn-to Myzhelmasse and after myzhelmasse as many as he will.'

About
1180?
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Henry
Doyly (? I),
of meadow.

[47.] To all cristeñ pepull to þe which þis present writyng¹² shall come Henry Doylly, our lorde Kynges constable, helth. Know 3e all þat mede⁴ that lyeth be-yonde [þe] water the which is i-called Eldee towarde þe west and is nyȝhe to þe Burgeys medis of oxonforde þe which [are] of the ffee of Hedyndon,¹⁶ that⁵ is to say, þe mede to þe chanonß of Oseney of me for my helth and of my aunceturs is i-yeve, is of my ffee and of my aunceturs. In-to wittnyssse of this pyng, to this present writyng my seele I haue putt to. Witnysses, &c².

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1239,
Aug. 1.
Sale to
Oseney, by
Humphrey
de Monte,

of 16 acres
in Bulstake
mead,

[48.] Know þey that been present and to be that I, vmfrey of þe mounte þe Soone of Gylberte of þe mounte, for my sowle helth and of þe sowles of my aunceturs, ȝafe and grauntid, and with my charter confermed, for me and myne heyres for euer,²⁴ to god and to þe church of Seynte Mary of Oseney and to þe chanonß þere seruyng god, all my mede with þe pertinences that I had in the mede þat is callid þe mede of Bolestake⁶, withoute oony agayne-holdyng to me or to my heyres for euer, þat is to say, xvj. acris, were-of x. acris lyeñd bytwene the mede [of⁷ Henry son of Henry and the mead of William de gardino of Botelee, and vi. acres lie between the mead] þat Roger of

¹ Philippa Basset, co-heiress of Thomas Basset, lord of Headington, widow of Henry de Newburgh (died 1229), 6th earl of Warwick.

² Added from the Latin.

³ An island, between streams of Thames, immediately to the west of the abbey, as

figured in map ii. to Wood's *City of Oxford*.

⁴ Marginal note: 'Mede.'

⁵ 'quod uidelicet pratum . . . est colatum.'

⁶ Marginal note: 'bolestake Mede.'

⁷ Added from the Latin.

Boteley helde and þe mede that Robert Mercer sumtyme helde :
to be had and to be holde, to þe saide church and chanons for euer,
in-to ffre and perpetuefl almes, with all þe ryght that longeth
4 to þe same mede (with þe pertinences) [that] I haue or I had or
Euer myght haue, well and in peece, ffrely and quietly, yeldyng
þerof yerly to me and my heyres j. d. at Estur at Oseney for all
seculer service exaccion custom Sevtes and Demaundes in all
8 thynges þe which of my lond or for my londe may be axid,
Savyng to þe chefe lorde of þe ffee the rent of v. s. in tyme of
heyng and to þe mower viij. d., þe which þe same chanons
shall quyte. And I vmfrey and my heyres all þe forsaide
12 thynges to þe forsaide church and Chanons for Euer shall
warantize agaynste all men and women, that, if, for Defaute of
my warantizing or my heyres, harmys or Expensis þey renne in,
we shall satisfye them by the syght of lawfull men of our oþer
16 londis. And for þys yevyng grauntyng and warantizing þe
saide chanons yafe to me vj. marke of siluer. This charter was
i-maade at Oseney att þe feste Seynte petur Ad uincula, The
3ere of þe reyne of Kyng Henry¹ þe sone of Kyng John xxij.
20 And that this my 3evyng grauntyng and warantizing abide
sure and stable for Euer, with this present wrytyng and puttyng
to of my seele I haue i-strenght hit. The witnyssis, ꝛ.

subject to
quit-rents
of 1d. to
the mesne
lord,

and 5s. to
the chief
lord, with
8d. 'to the
mower.'

Purchase-
money, £4.

[49.] Quyte-clayme of xxiiij. s. goyng owt of bolestake 1248,
Mede & other parcelles. June 10.

HENRY, By the grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, lorde of
24 Irlonde, Duke of Normandy, and Erle of Aungye, to all
Baylyffes and his true men helth. Knowe þe vs in the waye of
cheryte to haue i-relesid to thabbot and Couent of Oseney and
þe men quyte to haue i-claymed, for vs and our heyres for Euer, of
28 xxiiij. s. 3erly to be i-3elded of þe londes the which þey holden
of oure *seriaunt Mys², that is to saye, in Oxonforde-shire of
þe mede of Bolestake withoute Oxonforde þat is of þe seriaunty
of Gilbert of Mountes ix. s., And of A mede withoute Bampton
32 þe which is i-callid Huntmede that is of þe seriauntye of
Richard de la mare v. s. And of þe mede that is i-called

Surrender
to Oseney,
by Henry
III,
of rent-
charges
over
Oseney
property,

* leaf 14.
viz, in
Oxford-
shire, out
of Bulstake
mead, 9s.;
and out of
meads at

¹ Marginal note: 'Henricus 3, Rex Anglie.'

² 'seriaunt Mys' in MS., in error for 'serjauntyes': 'de nostris seriantis.'

Bampton,
5s. and
3s. 4d.;
and in
Bucks, in
Southcot,
6s. 8d.

Burewege that is of þe Seriauntye of Henry de la mare iij. s. iiij. d. And In Bokyngham-shire of j. 3erdelonde with þe pertinences in Suthcote þat is of þe Seriauntye of William of Seynte Clare dj. marke. In-to witnysse of this thyng these our 4 letters we haue i-made to be i-made patent, My-selfe witnesse, at Wynchester x. daye of June In the yere of our reame xxxij.

About
1170.

Excerpt
from grant
to Oseney,
by Ralph
Boterell,
of meadow
at Oseney,

as in no.
217, and

confirmed
in no. 218.

[50.] BE hit i-knowe to all true meñ of holy church þat I, 8
Raph Boterell, prayng and willyng Julyan my wife and Johan
her Dowghter, 3afe and grauntid, in-to ffre and perpetueñ almys,
to þe church of god and of Seynte marye of Oseney and to þe
chanonñ pere seruyng god, 1. And within &c² And þe mede¹ 12
that is by þe courté of Oseney of þe oper side of þe water: for
þe which mede þey shaft yelde Euery seynte John Baptiste day
euery yere to þe church of seynte ffrideswith for me xij. d. for
all seruice. [This² grant I have made to them free and quit from 16
all service] bothe ryalle and oper and all exaccion, in þe chapiter
of þeñd afore þe Couent, And vppoñ þe Auter, also with my
wife I offerid hit: pese witnyssys. This my³ Charter is i-write
hole in þe title of Hokenortoñ. And note þat we haue a con- 20
firmacion of William Horevile and of Johan his wife vppoñ þe
forsaide charter, þe which is Above in þe title of Hokenortoñ, 1.

About
1190.

Grant to
Oseney, by
Thomas de
la grave,

of meadow,

subject to
3s. quit-
rent to
Heading-
ton manor.

[51.] quyte-clayme of ij. s. &c² owt of Gocesham.

KNOWE þey that present be and to be that I, Thomas ffigt
ffulcon. de la Grave, yeve and graunte, in-to fre and perpetueñ 24
almys, to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to þe
chanonñ per seruyng god, all my mede of Gocesham that Geffrey
ffigt Durande helde: to be holde ffrely and quietly, sauynge ij.
s. þe which þe same chanonñ of þe same mede yelden for me 28
and my heyres to þe maner of Hedyntoñ yerely at þe feste of
Seynt M[i]chheñ. Truly I toke in my hande for me and my
heyres to warantize to þe same chanonñ þat tenement ouer all
and agaynste all meñ. Of this our yifte, 1. þe witnysse, 1. 32

¹ Marginal note: 'Mede.'

² Added from the Latin.

³ Omit 'my.'

[52.] KNOWE þey that been present and to bee pat I, Adam Porter of Oseney, haue i-ʒefe, grauntid, and with my charter confermed, to pabbot of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng
 4 god, all my mede that I holde of Water Cole pat lieth bytwene Bolestake and þe mylle of Boteley, that is to say, ij. acres and iiij. buttes: to be holde of me and of my heyres for Euer, ffrely and quietly, worschipfully and hooly, yeldyng þerof¹ to me and
 8 to my heyres yerly ij. d. at Myʒhelmasse and to Water Cole iiij. d.² and to þe Mower ij. d. for all seculer seruice. And I Adam porter and my heyres shaʃl warantize to þe forsaide Abbot and Couent þe forsaide mede agaynste all men and women.
 12 And if þe forsaide ij. Acris and iiij. Buttes to þe forsaide Abbat and Couent we may not warantize, all my loude of his fee that I haue in seynte Thomas parish * shaʃl abide quyte to þem. And for this yifte and graunte the forsaide Abbot and Couent
 16 ʒafe to me in Rewarde³ vj. marke of siluer. And þis yifte graunte and warantizyng truly to be holde I adam porter for me and my heyres haue I-plizht my trowth and with my seele puttyng to haue i-strenghthe hit. These witnyssys, ʔ.

About 1210.
 Sale to Oseney, by Adam, porter, of 2 acres and 4 butts of meadow, subject to quit-rents, 2d. to the mesnelord, 3s. to the chief lord, with 2d. to the mower.

* leaf 14, back.

Purchase-money, £4.

[53.] To all cristen men to þe which this wrytyng shaʃl come, prior of lantony, Archedecun and Deene of Gloucetur, helth in our lorde. Knowe ye all pat whenne, by diurese letters afore vs and afore pabbot and prior and Deene of
 24 Abendoñ of Delegatye of our lorde þe pope Honory þe iij., whas a plee betwene þe lorde Abbot and Couent of⁴ Enysham of þe oon partye, and lorde Richard, Abbot, and Couent of Oseney of þe oper partie, vppoñ tithis of heye of þe saide Munckes of
 28 þere medys by Oseney liyng, and vppoñ a yerly rente of vj. s. for þe ferme of þe tithis of þe saide chanons of Kersyntoñ⁵, and vppoñ þe peyne of xl. s. [and] vppoñ interesse of þe same chanons by-cause agaynste þe mynchuns of Wrokeschale and
 32 vppoñ summe despites, at þe laste after many altercacions vppoñ þe saide all axynges of Euerych oper and mony wronges vnto þe tyme of makyng of this wrytyng i-meved, þe stryves⁶ betwene þe saide howses thys frendely restyd: pat is to say, þe

1226, July 14. Agreement between Oseney and Einsham abbey,

in respect of counter claims about tithes,

Oseney receiving a perpetual

¹ Marginal note: 'Mede.'

² Latin: 'iii. solidos.'

³ 'in gersumman.'

⁴ 'Oseney' follows in MS., and ought to have been struck out.

⁵ i. e. Cassington.

⁶ 'lites.'

lease of
Einsham
interest in
meadows
near Ose-
ney,
paying 5s.
to Heading-
ton manor,
excusing
6s. due
from Cas-
sington by
Einsham,

and paying
to Einsham
13s. on
July 20.

Oseney
also is to
pay the
mower.

saide Abbot and Couent of Enysshaw grauntid and toke¹ to be
saide Abbot and Couent of Oseney all pere mede of Bolestoke²,
with ij. hammys lyng be-hynde þe courte of Oseney towarde
þe sowth, to be holde of þe mē and to be had in þe name of a 4
perpetuell ferme, for xxiiij. s. yerly in þis maner to be payde,
þat is to say, v. s. to þe chefe lorde of Hedyndon at þe terme of
Seynte John Baptiste, and vj. s. by relese þe which þe saide
chanons maade to þe saide Munkes vppon þe vj. s. in þe which 8
þe same Munkes were i-holde to þe mē for þe saide tithis [of]
Kersynton for³ i-paide i-had, And þe xij. residue s. at þe fest
of Seynte Margarete at Oseney to þe Secresteñ of Enynsham or
to his certeyn messynger þe saide chanons yerly withoute agayne- 12
saying and Cauillacion shall paye, And euermore þe saide
chanons ofte to susteyne þe Burdon⁴ of þe mower of þe saide
mede: And þe saide Munkes been i-holde to þe warantizyng of
þe saide fferme. Also þe bothe parties haue i-subiecte þe mē-selfe 16
by goode feyth. to oure Jurisdiccioñ, of þe consent⁵, for euer to
constreyne both by censure of þe churchie (apelyng i-put awaye)
to þe kepyng of þe forsaiide thynges, notwithstanding þe com-
posicioñ betwene þe parties a-noper tyme vppon þe saide tithis 20
i-made, þe which napelesse in oper artikuls in þe composicioñ
i-contente in þere surenysses shall abide. And that this com-
posicioñ sure and stable abide for euer, both parties also with
oure seeles haue i-strengeth hit with þere seeles. Thes thynges 24
were i-doo at Oxonforde in seynte Marye church þe thride fferie
after þe ffeeste of þe translacion of Seynte Benet, þe yere of þe
Incarnacion of oure lorde M^cCC xxvj., afore Master Roge Caunt-
lowe and Reginalde Chapeleyñ of þe church of Seynte Oolde of 28
Oxonford vndur⁶ oure Delegates, þe dede of þe which we by þe
popes auctorite strengthe. Þese witnysses:—

1225,
May 22.

[54.] betwene thabbot of Osney & the Pryor of ffrys-
wyse [about] the tyth hey of the meades of Northam,
Pytmeade, Hallewer, Brademore [&c⁹].

Contro-
versy be-

KNOWE⁷ all cristen men that whenne, bytwene Richard,

¹ 'concesserunt et tradiderunt.'

² Marginal note: 'betwene thabbotes of
Eynesham & Osney for bolestake mede &
the hammys &c.'

³ 'pro solutis habendis.'

⁴ 'onus' in the Christ Church MS.;

'onus consuete mercedis messarii,' in the
Cotton MS.

⁵ 'de consensu'; scil. of the parties.

⁶ 'subdelegatis nostris.'

⁷ The Latin text is in Wigram's *Carl.*
S. Frid., ii. 31. The Oseney Latin text is
more correct.

Abbot, and Couent of Oseney and Simon, prior of Seynte
 frideswith, moony stryves were i-meved afore Jugges fro þe
 pope Delegate and also afore Arbitrars of þe commune consent
 4 of parties i-chose, that is to say, Archedecon of Wircetur and
 his co-arbitrars, vppoñ tithe of heye of all medes of þe ffee of
 Hedyndon withoute þe courte of Oseney towarde þe west lyng;
 * and vppoñ þe tithis of þe heye of pese medis, Northam,
 8 Pitmede, Halcwere, Brademore; and vppoñ þe tithe of Corne
 and heye of Andrewe of Coveley; and vppoñ þe tithe of þe
 corn of all þat porcion of telthe lying be-yonde þe Hospitaill of
 seynte Bartholomew towarde þe Est þe which was commune
 12 pasture of Coveley; and of þe tithis of Corne of þe prior and
 Couent of seynte frideswith in Cudeslawe, with¹ þe obuencion[s]
 or comyng þerof offrynges, offrynges, and oper parishall prouentes
 or profittes of pere seruauntes pere levyng; and vppoñ þe tithis
 16 of corne and heye of half j. hide of þe prior þe which was of
 Henry Bewfist in Thumele², with þe obuencions, offrynges,
 small tithis, and parishe servyng³ of pere meñ pere levyng;
 with þe tithis of þe telthe þe which is i-called Bradmore
 20 berewes: with þe tithes of A telthe þe which is i-callid Gilbers⁴;
 with⁵ þe greve that hath i-come by þe rente Encresed
 of langeneye, In the charter of Eldrede⁶ Kyng and [in] þoo oper
 Instrumentes by þe which þe church of seynte Marye Mawdefen,
 24 or oony thyng in hit, oper tithis of Northam, may be i-calengid
 of⁷ þe chanons of seynte frideswith, with renouncyng of þe vse
 of suchie Instrumentes of periury of þe same chanons; and vppoñ
 þe tithis of þe Milles gryudyng corne in þe courte of Oseney,
 28 And of all officis þe which been i-sett be-yonde⁸ þe oolde curse
 of þeñ þat is i-called Eldee and towarde þe weste, and vppoñ
 obuencion and oper parysshall profittes of seruauntes in þe same

tween
 Oseney
 and St.
 Frides-
 wyde's,
 about
 tithes of
 hay and
 corn

* leaf 15.
 in several
 places near
 Oxford,

[Forged
 charters.]

¹ 'Comyng-therof-offrynges' is an alternative rendering with 'obuencions,' for a single Latin word. So also 'profittes' and 'prouentes.' The Latin runs:—
 '[super] obuencionibus, oblacionibus & aliis parochialibus prouentibus seruentium suorum ibidem degencium.'

² Thomley, a hamlet of Waterperry parish; Wigram, *Cart. S. Frid.*, ii. 154, 157.

³ 'et parochiali sequela.'

⁴ 'giberis,' a 'cultura' in Walton.

⁵ Latin [et super] 'gravamine': the

grievance being that St. Frideswyde's had bolstered up some claims by producing forged deeds: cp. no. 5. Wigram's *Cart. S. Frid.*, i. 44, describes a forged deed, purporting to be of date, 1201.

⁶ The Foundation Charter of Ethelred, 1004, is printed in Wigram's *Cart. S. Frid.*, i. 2.

⁷ 'of' = 'by': 'decime . . . vendicari possint a Canonicis S. Frid.'

⁸ 'ultra veterem cursum illius aque que vocatur Ealde-ee versus occidentem.'

were referred to arbitrators, by whose offices Oseney surrendered to St. Frideswyde's all claim to tithes in Thomley; and to certain tithes in Putmead, Halkwere and Bradmore; and to half of tithe of Wyvelsey: St. Frideswyde's surrendered to Oseney all claim to tithes of meadows west of Oseney and to tithes of Northam: the tithe of 'the lynch' to go with that of the meadow to which it belongs, or to be divided:

offices lyvyng; and vppoñ þe tithis bothe of corne and of heye of Middeleye, with þe obuencions and oper parisschañ profitis of scruauntes and of oper meñ þere levyng; and vppoñ þe tithis of all þe telthe þe which lieth vppoñ þe Kynges hye weye nylic 4 to þe telthe of Wynterbroc vnto þe Hospitañ of seynte Bartholomewe; and vppoñ þe processions¹ of þe churchis of seynte George and of seynte marye Mawdelen in þe assencion daye of our lorde; and vppoñ þe tithis of þe heye and of þe Milles and 8 of þe misshynges of Robert Hule; and vppoñ [þe tithis² of all the tilled lands of the fee of Hedendon on] þe weste partie of Charewell, outetake þe tilthis of Northam, berecrofte, and oper tilthes with-in þe boundes³ of Seynte Marye Mawdelen: at þe 12 laste, by masters Robert officiañ of lincoln and [the] Archedecun [of Lincoln] and Adam Archedecun of oxonforde mediators bytwene þem, all þe saide controuersies whare i-sesed frendely for Euer in this maner:—þat is to say, for þe goode of per- 16 petuall pееce, þe saide Abbot and Couent of Oseney haue i-grauntid to þe saide prior and Couent of seynte frideswith all þe tithes of Corne and heye þe which þey werē i-woned to take of þe hide of þe prior In thumele; and also all small tithis and 20 tithis of heye of putmede and Halcwere; and tithis of heye In Bradmore when þey haue i-gete hit⁴; & half þe tithis of heye of Wyuelseye⁵: And saide prior and Couent of Seynte frideswith haue i-grauntid to þe saide Abbot and Couent of Oseney 24 that þey haue pesible all tithis of medis of þe ffee of Hedyndon withoute þe Courte of Oseney towarde west, and that þey ioye pesible þe tithis of þe Medis of Northam, all quarelyng for Euer vppoñ þe saide tithis relesyng to þe saide Abbot And 28 Couent afore i-moved: And if þe litull mede that is i-callid lynch haue i-be longyng of Northam or Halcwere⁶, þat hangyng⁷, shall be of þat parte to þe which hit is hangyng⁷, and if it be of noþer hangyng, be hit departid betwene parties: and þey 32

¹ Ascension-day long retained, and still in some places retains, its processions 'beating the bounds' of parishes: cp. Wood's *Life and Times*, iii. 15.

² Added from the Latin: 'omnium terrarum culturarum de feodo de H.'

³ 'limites.'

⁴ 'eas,' scil. decimas.

⁵ Or Wyueleye. The boundaries of Cut-

slow (Wigram, *Cart. S. Frid.*, ii. 207) suggest that this was a meadow there.

⁶ Northam was on the north of Oxford, on the Cherwell. 'Lynch' was a meadow, surrounded by a stream of Cherwell, which might go either with Northam on the south or with Halcwere on the north.

⁷ 'appendicium.'

- haue¹ i-grauntid to þe chanons of ffrideswith þe oper partie of tithes of heye of Wyuesley, of þe which mede þe tithes with commune conselles and expenses of[t] to be i-gete and gaderid.
- 4 Ouermore, þe tithes of þe heye of Andrewe of Coveley, fully and pesible, shaþ be i-paide to þabbot and Couent of Oseneye: Also þe tithes of þe heye and of þe mylles and of þe fisshynges of Robert Hule as longe as he is parissheñ of Cudelynton by
- 8² skele of pat tenauntrye, And if (after pat same mannys decese R.³) [the] chanons of Seynte ffrideswith wille holde hit in here owne hande with pertinences, hit⁴ shaþ be of þe saide tithis as þe lawe yeveth: and other petitions And quarels (vppon oper
- 12^{*} pynges above i-named, and vppon small⁵ petitions almoste of l. marke, and of axynges of Expenses by-cawse of Stryves i-maade) i-mevid, both parties to euerche oper haue i-relesed for Euer; thynges i-doo afore napelese and composicions of lange-
- 16 neye and vppon þe church of Seynte Marye Mawdelen sumtyme betwenn parties i-maade þorowgh all here articles in þere strenght abidyng. þe chanons also of Seynte ffrideswith full restitution of A rent of ix. d. of A grounde sumtyme⁶ fired in þe parisshe of
- 20 Seynte Marye Mawdelen to þe same church shaþ do; and to⁷ þe chanons of Oseney þere accion Hauē relesed, and quarell vppon that rent i-mevid. Also both parties consentid that þe compromisse i-maade to-gedur bytwene þem of þe saide thynges
- 24 be nawzht and be i-cancellid; and hit is renouncid to pynges i-purchased⁸ as to þo contrauersys and pynges above-named. And þe saide Abbot of Oseney and prior of Seynte ffrideswith, for þem-selfe and þere couentes, seyng the holy pynges, that in
- 28 goode feithe and withoute Gile this composicion þey shaþ kepe in all thynges and neuer shaþ Imagyne⁹ vnto oony preiudice of hit. Þese thynges were doo þe yere of þe Incarnacion of our

expense of getting tithe-hay of Wyvelsey to be shared. Oseney to have tithe-hay of Andrew of Cowley; and tithe of Hule mills so long as held by present tenant. [If St. * leaf 15, back, Frideswyde's take Hule mills into its own hand, let the law decide about the tithe.] [Former agreements about Langney and St. Mary Magdalen church to hold good.] Oseney also to have a quit-rent (challenged by St. Frideswyde's) of 9d. in St. Mary Magdalen parish.

¹ So also in Latin, but must be in error. St. Frideswyde's has already received its half; this should have been given as Oseney half.

² 'ratione illius tenementi.'

³ 'R.' is deferred out of its right place. 'Si autem, post decessum eiusdem R., canonici...'

⁴ 'erit de dictis decimis, sicut ius dictaverit.' For the final agreement as to this point see no. 76.

⁵ 'Small' is in error for 'mutual' or

cross-actions. 'super mutuis [in the Cotton MS.: mis-read in the Christ Church MS. *minutis*] petitionibus pene L. marcarum.'

⁶ 'de terra quondam Siredi.'

⁷ Omit 'to.' 'et canonici Oseneye... remiserunt.'

⁸ 'et renunciatum est impetratis, quantum ad...'

⁹ 'nunquam aliquid in eius preiudicium machinabuntur.'

lorde M¹CCxxv, xj. k^k of June, in þe Chape^{ll} of Seynte Nicholas at Osneye: and that all these thynges abide sure for Euer, they beⁿ i-seeled with þe seeles of Both Howses, and of þe saide Abbot and prior, also and with seele of þe worschipfull 4 Archedecuns, ꝛ.

122³/₄,
Febr. 3.

[55.] betwene thabbot of Osney & the pryoresse of lytlemore.

Agreement
between
Oseney and
Littlemore
priory,
by which
Oseney
granted
Littlemore
a perpetual
lease of the
tithes of
hay of a
meadow
near Ose-
ney, for 2s.
quit-rent.

THIS is Covenaut i-maade Betwene sire Richard Abbot and Couent of Oseney of þe oon^e party, and þe lady priorisse and Couent of litulmore of þe oper partye, þat where þe saide 8 Abbot and Couent had i-Drawe þeⁿ in-to plee, afore Jugges of ou^r lorde pope delegate, vppoⁿ tithis of heye of þe^r mede þat is betwene þe court of Oseney and of Henxhey and Is i-callid Snellesey: at þe laste, ffrendely þe saide chanon^s grauntid¹² to þeⁿ þe saide tithis for ij. s. yerly, in þe name of A fferme of theⁿ to be holde for Euer, in two termes of þe yere to þeⁿ to be i-paide, that is to sey, At Estur xij. d. and at þe fest of seynte Mizhe^{ll} xij. d.; and, last by processe of tyme oony strife or 16 question be i-sprunge vppoⁿ þe saide tithis, or þat þat is i-doo of þe same tithis betwene parties to be callid agayne in-to dowte or to be made vnsure by oony maner, þis writyng is i-made, of þe which oon^e partye i-seled¹ with seelis of þe saide chanon^s 20 abideth to þe saide prioresse and couent, And þe oper partye i-seled¹ with seelis of þe same mynchons to þe saide chanon^s. Also þe forsaide Abbot and Couent þe forsaide tithis as þe^r owne with þe^r owne costes [shall¹ defend] for þe^m-selfe and 24 for þe saide Minchons. Þese þynges were i-doo at Abendoⁿ in þe grete church In þe morowe of þe purificacion of þe blessed virgyⁿ, þe yere fro þe Incarnacion M¹ CC xxij.

About
1180.

[56.] friswid¹ gyueth to osnye ij. s. yerly rent for relese of ij. s. vj. d.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by

PHILIPPE² prior of Seynte ffrideswith and all þe Couent 28 of þe same place to all true meⁿ of ou^r holy modu^r þe church

¹ Added from the Latin.

² The Latin text of the Oseney grant

to St. Frideswyde's is in Wigram's *Curt.* *S. Frid.*, ii. 244.

helti. Knowe ye vs to have i-grauntid, and with our seele pryntynge to haue confermed, to þe chanon̄s of Oseney that yifte þe which William Hereville and Johan his wiffe [made¹ to them
 4 of the meadow which the said William and Joan his wife] holde of vs for iij. ʒ. yerly to be i-paide at þe ffest of Seynte John Baptiste for all seruice, that is to say, that lieth by þe courte of Oseney be-yonde þe water, whereof þe forsaide William maade
 8 to vs homage and hath our Charter, sa þat þe forsaide chanon̄s of Oseney þo iij. ʒ. þe which þe saide William and his heyres ofte to vs perof, for hym and for his heyres, to vs ʒerly at þe forsaide terme shaft paye, And þat þe chanon̄s of * Oseney,
 12 for þese iij. ʒ. and for here deliuerynge, relesed to vs xxx. d. þe which we haue i-owyd to pay to þem ʒerely for summe tithis of Escote (vppoñ þe which hit² was A translacion whas i-maade betwene our church and þem afore Jugges Delegate), and for vs
 16 haue assined þe oper vj. d., þe which he shaft paye Euery daye at þe saide terme of seynte John, to thomas ffit Eilrice and þe heyres of hym, of a londe þe which he holdeth of þe forsaide chanon̄s of Oseney within þe Borowgh of oxonforde for ij. ʒ.
 20 ʒerely, so þat we no-thing more³ of þe same thomas and his heyres maye axe. These witnesse, ꝑ.

St. Frideswyde's, of a meadow held of their house by quit-rent of 3s.,

* leaf 16. and acceptance, by way of payment, of surrender of 2s. 6d. due to Oseney for tithes, and of 6d. out of an Oxford quit-rent due to Oseney.

[57.] To all cristen men to þe which þis writynge shaft come Robert by þe mercy of god [abbot] and Osbert prior of Haben-
 24 doñ euerlastynge helth in owr lorde. To all yowre knowlege we wille hit come, vs to haue i-take owre lorde þe pope-is commaundement in þe wordes:—

122³, March. Decision in favour of Oseney, by papal commissioners,

Honory, Bisshop, seruauñt of þe seruantes of god, to yowre⁴
 28 beloued sonnys, Abbot⁵ of Redyng and of Abendoñ Abbotes, and prior of Abendoñ, of Saresbury Diocese, helth and þe apostels Benyson: our beloued sonnys Abbot and Couent of Oseney in here planynge shewed þat Richard Clerke and summe
 32 oper of lincoln and Saresbury dioceses, vppoñ tithis possessions and oper thynges to þere church of Seynte George of ryght longe⁶, wronge⁷ to þe same. Perfore to yowre discrecion, by þe

¹ Supplied from the Cottonian MS., communicated by Rev. H. Salter.

² 'Super quibus transactum fuit inter nostram ecclesiam,' i.e. 'translacion' for 'transaccion.'

³ 'nihil amplius quam vi d.'

⁴ Read 'our.'

⁵ Omit 'Abbot.'

⁶ Read 'longing': 'de iure spectantibus.'

⁷ i. e. do wrong: 'iniuriantur.'

[Formula
of a papal
commis-
sion.]

appointed
April 28,
1220,

in a suit
against
various
Oxford
citizens,

for tithe of
hay of
meadows
near Ose-
ney,

apostels wrytyng, we commaunde (pat þe partes i-callid) ye hire þe cause, and þat that is ryȝht (appelle i-put a-backe) ye ordeyne, makyng þat þat ye ordeyne by þe censure of þe church surely to be kepid, and þe witnysses that þen i-named (if þey, 4 for grace, hatrede, or drede, with-drawe þem) by þe same censure (appelle cesyng) constreyne to bere witnessse to þe trowthe; and if ye all to þese þynges to be executid may not be¹ atte hit, ȝit at þe leste tweyne doo execucion. Date at Viterbe, 8 þe iiij. kk. of may, of our Bissshophode þe iiij. ȝere.

þen for², by þe auctorite of this maundement, abbot of Redyng, our flawe Jugge, hym-selfe at³ all þe cause excusyng, þe which was i-moved betwene Richard Abbot and Couent¹² of Osenev, of þe oon party, and Henry fȝt Symon, Philippe Miller, Symon Balehorn, Rordan rede⁴, William Were⁵, Oriot wydwe of Oeyen, Anneys wydwe of John Burewalde, John Pady, Richard Stocwell, Alurey Elmel, Robert oerre, Andrewe¹⁶ Halegoode, Milon Baker⁶, of the oþer party; Abbot and Couent of Osenev by a procutor⁷, Philip Miller, S. Balehorne, and John Rede⁸, in here owne persones, and oþer afore-named by procutours⁷ in our presence i-sette, þe striffe vppoð tithis of²⁰ heve of þe forsaide men, that is to saye, of þe medes þe which lye withoute the courte of Osenev towarde þe west i-witnessed, and witnesses to⁹ þentente of pabbot and Couent of Osenev to be proued afore vs i-browght forth and examined, by¹⁰ ordre of²⁴ lawe abowthe þe publiſshyng of [the attestations] þe saide witnessses i-browth forth and þe disputyng of parties thoroght all thynges i-kepid: When¹¹ it was opyn of plee, renuncyng of þe bryngyng forth of witnesses and the allegacions hidis¹² and²⁸ pere i-doo, whenne fully it was i-preued by feythfull men þat þe saide medis¹³ of þe forsaide places of oxonforde was of þe parish

productorum et partium disputationem, per omnia observato.

¹¹ 'Cum nobis de causa liqueret, renunciationibus productionum testimonium et allegationum hinc inde factis': i. e. both parties declared they had no more oral testimony (testes) or written statements (allegaciones) to produce.

¹² Read 'hidir' (hither and thither).

¹³ Marginal note: 'vppoð the tythes of certeyn Mede lying without the Courte of Osney towarde the west.'

¹ 'non . . . potueritis interesse.'

² Read 'þefore': 'igitur.'

³ 'ad totam causam.'

⁴ 'rufum.' Read 'Iordan.'

⁵ 'Bere.'

⁶ 'pistorem.'

⁷ 'per procuratores': 'procutor' seems to be a shortening, in the direction of 'proctor.'

⁸ 'Iordano ruffo.'

⁹ 'ad probandam intentionem.'

¹⁰ Omit 'by.' 'iuris ordine, circa publicationem attestacionum dictorum testimonium

of pere church of seynte George, or of seynte Marye Mawdefen
 pe which longeth to pe same church of seynte george, and
 nop yng whas i-proued in-to contrarye, pe grace of pe holy goste
 4 i-called¹, pe tithis of heye of pe forsaide mede i-axid, with
 pe counsell of wise men and of men of lawe sittynge² to vs,
 pe saide [aduersaries³ being present, and of the said] aduer-
 sariis beyng absent pe procutours in pere name beyng to, pe
 8 tithis of pe hey of pe forsaide medes⁴ to be i-paied for parish
 ryght for euer to pabbot and Couent of Oseneye by * sentence
 diffynynge⁵, we haue i-Jugged. Moreouer we haue pe forsaide
 aduersariis in-to resonable expensis to pe saide Abbot and
 12 Couent condempned. In-to pe strength and witnyss of this
 thyng, to pis writyng present owre seelis we haue i-Juggid
 worthy to put to. These thynges were i-do in pe chapeill of
 Seynte Nicholas at Abendon, In pe moneth of Marche, pe yere
 16 of pe Incarnacion of our lorde anno M^t CC xxiiij.

* leaf 16,
back.

and award
of costs of
the suit to
Oseney.

[58.] KNOWE pey pat ben nowe and to be pat I, Symon
 Balehorne of oxonforde, haue i-zeve grauntid lefte and haue
 deliuered and with pis present charter confermyd, for me and
 20 my heyres, to god and to pe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney
 and to pe chanouns pere seruyng god, all pe londe, l. Also
 vj. acris of mede⁶, where-of iiij. lye by pe mede that sumtyme
 whas of Robert Mercer, of⁷ pe which also vj. acris alyne Smyth⁸
 24 helde sumtyme ij. acris, and Hugh Carpenter oper ij. acris, and
 John Sewy oper ij. acris, and pey lye By pe mede of pe lorde of
 that ffee, and all po vj. acris strecche pem-selfe vn-to pe water
 pat floweth fro Bolestake, l. This charter is i-write hole with-
 28 inne pe title of 'pe parish of Seynte Marye' of pe Borowgh of
 Oxonforde.

About
1220.

Excerpt
from a
grant to
Oseney,
by Simon
Balehorn,

of (amongst
other gifts)
6 acres of
meadow.

¹ 'invocata.'

² 'assidentium.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ Marginal note (of later date): 'quaere
if it be not the meades that mr. president
of corpus christi colledge;' referring no
doubt to Botley causeway, constructed

about 1530 by Dr. John Claymond across
these meadows: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i.
437.

⁵ 'per sententiam diffinitivam.'

⁶ Marginal note: 'Mede.'

⁷ 'de quibus eciam sex acris.'

⁸ 'Alanus faber.'

[IX. ALDEWERE.]

About
1180.

[59.] The locke of Osney.

Grant to
Osney, by
Bernard of
St. Valerie,
of a lock on
Thames,
and the
water-
course
which fed
Osney
mills.

BE¹ hit i-knowe to all true men of holy church þat I, barnarde of Seynte Walerye, haue i-zeve and grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to þe church of god and of Seynte maryl of Osney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, 4 my goter or locke² by themse, with þe course of water þe which rennyth to þe myllis of þe Same chanons In osneye, in-to ffre pure and perpetuefl almes, [quiet] fro all Seculer seruice and Demande, for þe helthe of my lorde þe Kyng Henry and myne 8 and of Anor my wife and of Bernarde my Soone and of my oper ffrendes. These witnesses, Gerarde my nevowe þe Vicounte³ of pinkeny, Master John of Brideporte, and oper.

1315.

[60.] A INQUISICION i-made for þe planke and philete to 12 be i-put in þe loke.

After
sworn
evidence of
a jury of
fourteen,

Inquisicion i-take By William of Hakeburn, þen Baylyffe of þe hundrede withoute þe Northgate of oxonford, þe yere of Kyng Edward⁴ þe Soone of Kyng Edward þe ix, by þe oþe 16 of Gilberte Shipton, william of Eynysham, of Adam Tilhurst, Robert queynton⁵, William Broun, Robert Grynder, Water Wareborowgh, Hugh of Barton, John leyge, [Richard⁶ of Bloxham, Walter of Hereford, Walter mareschal, Robert of Legge] 20 William Weston, þe which seyne by þere othe that pabbot of Osneye shall put in his locke on table⁷ of þe brede of ij. fote and dñ. with iij. borys or holys, And if hit be nede and lacke of water he⁸ shall vpon put oon philet of þe brede of halfe 24 a foote. In-to witnysses of thys thyng þe forsaide swore men haue put to þere seelys. i-zeve at osney þe day and þe yere a-foraide.

Osney had
leave to
put a board
in Osney
lock, and,
if neces-
sary, also
a 'fillet.'

¹ The MS. marks nos. 59, 60 with a big marginal bracket, and has, opposite the beginning of 59, the marginal note: 'shewe the Rolle in latten for this.'

² 'gurgitem meum.'

³ 'vicedomino de Pinkeni.'

⁴ Marginal note: 'Edward 2.'

⁵ 'Quenintone.'

⁶ Added from the Latin.

⁷ 'ponet . . . unam tabulam.'

⁸ 'su[per]ponet unum filetum.'

[61.] MOOLDE themperice, þe dowg^{hter} of Kyng Henry, and lady of Engliſſh meñ, to Archiebiſſhops Biſſhops Abbotes Erles Barons Juſtices Schreves Mynſters and to all he^r true meñ
 4 Engliſſhe and ffrenſhe¹ of all Inglonde helth. Knowe ye me to haue i-yeve and to haue i-grauntid, in-to perpetueſt almes, to god and to ſeynte Marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere ſeruyng god, for þe ſtate and ſtabylneſſe of þe Reame of
 8 Inglonð & þe helth and welefare of my lorde Erle of Aungye and of my² ffree childroñ and for my³ne and for þe ſowle of Kyng Henry my fadu^r and of quene moolde my Modu^r & of our aunceturs and for þe helth of my ſowle and remiſſion of my
 12 ſynnes, þ^e goter^e or locke³ þat is i-callid aldewere, fre and quite, þe which was i-woned to pay by yere to my ffirme of Oxonforde iiij. s.; And with-in þe borowgh of oxonforde, v. s. v. d. ob. qua. þe⁴ which þey woned to pay of þe langabule by yere of þat
 16 londe of þe londe of þe Kyng viij. yerdes, with Burbabuſſ⁵ and all oper thynges and customs to þe ſame londe perteynyng; And þe Ile of langeneye with all thynges perteynyng to hit, þe which Geffrey Chamburleyne of Glymton a-fore me⁶ to þeñ
 20 in-to almes grantid and quite-claymed; and j. hide of londe of Stauntoñ þe which lieth at Hanborowgh by þe Brigge of Bladoñ as quene Adelide 3aſe hit to þeñ, for þe ſowle of Kyng Henry my fadu^r and with he^r charter confermed. Wherefore I will
 24 and ſurely charge þat þe forſaide church and chanons þe forſaide tenauntries holde, weſt and in peece, worſchipfully frely and quietly, with ſocke, ſacke, tol, and them, and Infangenthefe,

About 1142. Grant and confirmation to Oseney, by Maud, empress, of

* leaf 17.

(a) Aldewere, exempted from quitrent of 4s.; (b) quitrent of 5s. 5d. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. $\frac{1}{4}$ d. (see no. 14);

(c) Langney;

(d) dowager-queen Alice's gift (no. 83);

with manorial jurisdiction.

¹ The Latin observes the Norman order, 'omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis.'

² 'et liberorum meorum.'

³ Marginal note: 'The locke called aldewere.' Oseney rentals place it in St. Michael at South Gate parish. It was, perhaps, the lasher of that mill which afterwards became the mill of the Black Friars.

⁴ 'quos reddere solebant, de Langabulo per annum, de terra illa qu[a]e dicitur "Octovirgate regis" cum burgabulo et omnibus aliis rebus.' Landgable was a small payment to the Crown by certain houses in towns. Oseney charters indicate that perhaps one house in five paid it. In 1142 Oseney held about twenty houses in Oxford, the landgable of which amounted

to this 5s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. This landgable was collected by the bailiff of the king's property in Beaumont, called the 'Ehtyerds of the King,' 'octo virgate regis,' being two hides in extent. In the Pipe Rolls the allowance to Oseney of these exemptions of 4s. and 5s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is regularly recorded.

⁵ In an original charter of King Stephen to Oseney (now at Christ Church) the word appears as 'Brugable.' It was a pre-Norman tax paid by certain houses for the right to brew. When (in 1280) the Cartulary was compiled, the scribe seems not to have known the meaning of the word, and to have tried to explain the word as 'burg-gable.'

⁶ i. e. in my presence: 'coram me.'

and all oþer customs and fredoms þe which they had whenne þey were in þe Kynges lordeship. These witnesse, &c².

About
1225?
Quit-claim
to Oseney,
by William
(son of
Elias),
fisher,
of his in-
terest in
Aldwere.

[62.] To all cristen men to þe which this present wrytyng shall come William ffirst Helie ffisher¹ helth in our lorde. 4
Knowe ye all me to haue relesed and quite-claymed, for me and myne heyres for euer, to Richard² Abbot of oseneye, my locke³ or goter þe which is i-callid Aldwere, and all my ryght in hit þat I had or myght haue. And þat [this] relese and quyte- 8
clayme be sure and stabul for euer, This present wrytyng with my seele I haue i-strengthid. These witnesses, &c².

[X. Of the chapel of St. Thomas.]

Legend
that St.
Thomas's
church was
built be-
tween Sept.
and Dec.
1142.

[63.] Duryng⁴ þe sege of þe castell of oxonforde of Kyng sthephyñ, þe which moolde themperice in þe saide castell longe 12
segid, was beeldid þe chapel of Seynte thomas (for þe parisschons of Seynte George in-to þe castell myght not come ne entre): and hit is to be knowe þat hit was i-beeldid vppon þe ffee of Seynte Walerye vppon þe halfe of þe x. and vij. acris þe which to vs 3afe 16
bernarde of Seynte Walerye, as hit is i-schewed by þe charter folowyng.

[NOTE.—This is not the place to discuss a very interesting, but most obscure, point in Oxford topography, as to which Anthony Wood himself is more than usually hesitating (*City of Oxford*, ii. 112-7). Still, since it is distinctly brought up in these documents, the facts may be briefly set down. (A) Between Oxford Castle and the site of Oseney stands St. Thomas' parish church, now, and for long back, the mother church of the west suburbs of Oxford: see Map at beginning of Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. (B) No. 66 describes the founding of a chapel near the gate of Oseney. Were (A) and (B) separate or the same? What were the date and occasion of their foundation and refoundation, or dates and occasions of their foundations? Oseney tradition, set out in no. 63, may at once be dismissed. Could a church have been built, on the sudden inroad of war into Oxford west suburb, between Sept. and Dec. 20, 1142? Could a church have even been begun, almost within bow-shot of a hotly-besieged castle? The most probable solution of the difficulty is to take nos. 64 and 66 together, and no. 65 as referring to a distinct building. In no. 65 we have the grant by the diocesan of a semi-domestic chapel, apparently within Oseney island, probably destroyed at the dissolution. After Oseney, in 1152, obtained possession of St. George's in the Castle (no. 23), the abbey may reasonably be supposed to have provided a more convenient church for its large parish in the west suburb of Oxford. This would account for the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, which seems to be implied in no. 66.]

¹ 'piscator.'

² Probably Richard de Grey, abbot 1221-9.

³ Marginal note: 'The said locke.'

⁴ The heading in the Latin is, 'De

Capella sancti Thome.' In the English MS. there is a (later) marginal note here: 'Saint Nicholas Church.'

[64.] KNOWE all meñ bothe present and to be that [I], Bernarde of Seynte Walerye, 3afe and grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, to be church of god and of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to þe chanonþ per seruyng god, halfe of x. and vij. acris and halfe j. acre of my lordeship in oseney, þe which lye at þe northē next to þe courte of þe same chanonþ and to þe tenement, of þe which acris þe lenght Is i-strechid¹ 8 fro þe wey by þe which me goeth¹ fro Oseney to þe church of Seynte George, vnto þe water þe which rennyth to þe Millis of þe same chanonþ, in-to fre and pure almys fro all seruice, sauynge þe ryght of oure lorde Kyng, for þe helth of my lorde Kyng 12 Henry and myne and of Anor my wife and of Bernard my sone [and² of my other children and 'parents' and my friends, and specially for the soul of Reginald my son] and for þe sowles of my fadu³ and modu³ and of moolde my wife and of Symon my 16 vncle and of oþer kennesfolkes⁴ and of my frendes, (and⁵ speciaff for þe Sowle * of reynolde my sone). This yifte I made in þe Abbey of Oseney where I a-boode In a lente⁶.

About 1180. Grant to Oseney, by Bernard of St. Valerie, of the mediety of 17½ acres beside Oseney.

* leaf 17, back. [Lent at Oseney.]

[65.] To all cristen meñ to þe which þis present writyng 20 shall come, Hugh⁷, by þe grace of god Bisshop of lincoln, helth euerlastyng in oure lorde. Knowe ye all oure beloued Sones Abbot and chanons of Oseney A chapel of oure assent and wille afore þe 3ate of here courte in þere owne grownde to haue i-made, 24 to þat specially that in hit to þere seruantes and giftes⁸ or also to þere parisschons in⁹ that cooste dwellyng, whenne¹⁰ hit is goode to þem, diuine thynges to be done: and laste þe same brethriñ, by cause of this chapel, with vnryghtfull vexynges or 28 exaccions here-after be i-weried, We decree þat chapel for Euer free to be fro Sinodaff and to Enioy all þe Immunitees þe which þe monastery Enioyeth. þat this be rate and ferme with

About 1190. Grant to Oseney, by the diocesan, of a chapel just outside Oseney gate, for use of servants and guests,

free from synodals, and privi-

¹ 'a via qua itur.'

² Added from the Latin. The repetitions are singular, and suggestive of forgery.

³ 'pro animabus patris et matris.'

⁴ 'parentum.'

⁵ The bracketed clause is brought in here by the translator, who had noticed his omission, as above.

⁶ 'cum moram facerem in ea in quadam quadragesima'; also suspiciously vague.

⁷ The witnesses—Stephen, chancellor of Lincoln; Roger of Rolueston (became dean of Lincoln 1195, died 1223); Nigel, dean of Oxford,—attach this to Hugh of Avalon, bishop 1186–1200.

⁸ Read 'gestes': 'hospitibus.'

⁹ 'in ipso confinio.'

¹⁰ 'cum commodum eis fuerit, divina celebranter.'

leged as
Oseney
itself.

this writyng and our seele puttyng to we avised to be strengthid.
Þese witnesseses, ꝑ.

About
1222.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
the pope,
of a chapel,
possibly
dedicated
to St.
Nicholas.

[66.] HONORYE¹, Bisshoppe, *seruaunt* of þe *Seruauntes* of
god, to þe beloued soones Abbot and Couent of Oseney helth and⁴
the apostls blessing. Þe apostell see is woned to graunte to þe
goode desires and honest praieres of axers beniuolente fauor
to parte². Þerfore, our beloued Soones in our lorde, to your
ryȝhtfull praiers Inclined, þe chapel of Seynte Thomas with⁸
his pertinences, all ye³ ryȝhtfully lawfully and pesible ye haue
hit, [to you], and by⁴ ȝow to your monastery, by thapostels
auctorite we conferme and with þe help of this writyng we
make hit stronge. Þerfore to [no] man vturly⁵ be hit lawfull¹²
this writyng of our confirmacion to breke or to hit come agayne⁶
with frowarde boldenyse: and if oony man that to assay wille
presume, indignacion of almyȝhty god and of þe Blessed apostls
petur and powle knowe þey þem-selfe to haue i-cumme inne. 16
Þe Date at lateranne, ꝑ.

About
1200.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Thomas
of St.
Valerie,

[67.] Know þey that be present and to be þat I, Thomas
of Seynte Walerye, haue i-yeve, grauntid, and confermed with
my present charter, to god and to þe church of Blessid marye of²⁰
Osney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for me and my wife
and for þe sowles of my fadur and my modur and of my aun-
ceturs, in-to pure and perpetueñ almes, ij. sellions or buttes of
lond to a wey⁷ to be made at northoseney⁸ by þe Dicke of þe²⁴
londe of þe forsaide chanons þe which⁹ Bernarde my fadur ȝafe
to þem with þe roses pathe¹⁰ that is bitwen þe forde that is
i-callid Uerforde¹¹ and þe londe of þe chanons, þe wey In
lenght strecchyng hit-selfe fro þe forsaide forde vnto þe howse²⁸
þe which [was sometime] of Water lingedraper: þe forde also
(that is of my ryȝht), and¹³ In eyþer [part] goyng vppe and
goyng downe with-out¹³ harmyng of my mede. And hit

of two
strips at
North
Oseney to
make a
road along-
side of the
land in
no. 64,
and of a
right of
ford there,
provided

of Thames, next Oseney to the North:
map ii. in Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii.

¹ Honorius III, pope 1216-27.
² 'to graunte . . . to parte' translates
the one word 'impartiri.'

⁹ i. e. londe.

¹⁰ 'cum Roseo': possibly, the 'rushy'
path.

¹¹ Marginal note: 'Vuerford.' Cotton
MS. reads 'Were-ford.'

¹² 'et, in utraque parte, ascensionem et
descensionem.'

¹³ MS. has 'downe with with oute.'

³ For 'all ye' read 'as': 'sicut.'

⁴ 'vobis, et per vos monasterio vestro.'

⁵ 'nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat.'

⁶ 'vel ei contraire.'

⁷ Marginal note: 'a weye.'

⁸ North Oseney (afterwards the site of
Rewley abbey) was an island, amid streams

is to be know that I haue forgefe to þe same afore¹ many
chanons of ferme of vj. d. if so moche be to be paid; And
if oony thyng ouer þoo vj. d. to be paid, þey shall paye hit
4 to my cheker at þe fest of Seynte Myzgeff. This wey, with þe
Above-saide thynges, to þe forsaide chanons I graunte, to be
holde of me and mynde heyres, frely and quietly, well and
pesible for Euer, with-oute vexyng. And [pat] this my 3ifte
8 and graunte sure & vnbroke abide, hit with þe witnesses of
this present writyng and puttyng to of my seele, [I] powght
worpy to strenghte: pese witnesses, &c.²

that his
meadow
is not
damaged.
and that
if the grant
exceed 6d.
in yearly
value
Oseney pay
the excess
as a quit-
rent.

[XI. MEDLEY.]

[68.] HIT is to be remembrid howe we haue Midleye and
12 þe Wike and oper pertinences of þe yifte of þe Burgesis of oxon-
forde, paying to þe same for þe yifte and warantizyng j. marke
of *siluer, þe which truly marke þe saide Burgesis asseynd to
þe priory of ffrideswith [to² be paid by our hands, for the
16 penalty laid on them] for þe deth of clerkes sumtyme hangid
of³ þe same.

Note that
Oseney and
the Wyke
were held
of Oxford
* leaf 18.
town, at a
quit-rent of
13s. 4d.

[NOTE.—Two things, widely apart in time, are to be distinguished in this memorandum. First, is the conveyance (reason not stated) of Medley to Oseney by Oxford town in 1147, the quit-rent (no. 69) being 6s. 8d. Afterwards, this quit-rent was doubled (no. 70), on fresh warranty being given. A sufficient reason for this warranty is found in the claim made for possession of Medley by St. Frideswyde's priory (Wigram's *Cart. S. Frid.*, i. 36-8), which the town staved off (1191) by agreeing to pay 8s. yearly to the priory. In 1209 happened the 'suspensio clericorum,' for which the town was laid under interdict. In 1214, the town submitted and agreed to pay a sum yearly to the University through St. Frideswyde's and Oseney; changed in 1219, to through Einsham. The assignment of the 13s. 4d. quit-rent to St. Frideswyde's by the town is no doubt part of the 1214 arrangements. Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 330, wrongly dates the affray in 1144, to make it coincident with the original conveyance of the island.]

[69.] Mydley: of the gyfte of the Citizens of Oxford. 1147.

BE hit i-knowe to all true men of holy church both present
and to be that we, Citesyns of oxonforde, of þe commune of þe
20 Cite and þe yelde of marchautes, for þe stabulnese of all þe

Grant to
Oseney,
by Oxford
town,

¹ Read 'to the same afore-named
chanons the ferme': 'condonavi canonicis
prenominatis firmam.'

² Added from the Latin.

³ i. e. by them: 'ab eisdem.'

of Medley
island,

quit-rent
6s. 8d.

[Offering
upon the
altar.]

About
1192.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Oxford
town,

of Medley,
as in no. 69,

but with
6s. 8d.
added to
the quit-
rent be-
cause of
warranty
now given.

reame and state and welth of our Kyng ande quene and of here
Soones also and for our helth and of all our and for þe Sowles
of our fadurs and modurs and of our aunceturs, yefe and graunte,
in-to perpetueſt almes, to þe church of god and of Seynte Marye 4
of Osney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, our Ile þe which
is i-callid Midley, with all thynges to hit perteynyng In londres
& medes and in pastures, with all þe same liberteis and customs
þe which þere our aunceturs had with ffre grauntyng of Kynges, 8
and we after them, so napeles that euery þere þe same chanons
pay dj. a marke of Siluer for that same tenure or holde¹ where
we shaſt commaunde. This yevyng and grauntyng we haue
i-maade with þe commune assent in portemannot², and this we 12
made in þe chapiter of Oseney Afore þe chanons of þe same
place, and In þe presence of William Chenet our Aldirman,
and³ by hym and afterwarde with hym vppoñ þe Auteñ with
texte we offerid hit. Of this gifte and graunte Witnisse 16
Edward⁴ Abbot of Thame: þese witnesses, ð.

[70.] BE hit i-knowe bothe to men that be now and to be
pat we, Citisens of Oxonford, of þe commune of þe Cite and
of þe Marchaundis yelde, for our helth and of our and for 20
þe Sowles of our kennesfolkes and of our aunceturs, graunte,
and with our present charter conferme, to þe Church of Seynte
marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, þe yifte
þe which our aunceturs maade to þem of þe Ile of Midley with 24
his pertinences, so that Euery yere at þe fest of Seynte Mighel
þe same chanons paye dj. j. marke for þis tenure where we shaſt
commaunde þem, as witnesseth þe charter of our aunceturs pat
þey maade to þem of þe yifte of þe same Ile. ffurþermore, for- 28
asmoche as we haue i-take in our hande, for vs and for our
heyres, to warantize þe forsaide Ile to þe same chanons in
Euerych place and⁵ to all men, þey for this warantizynge shaſt
paye to vs and to our heyres Euery þere at Estur a-noper 32
dj. marke, þe which þey shaſt take⁶ to whome we wille bidde;
and we and our heyres feyghtfully shaſt warantize to þem þe

¹ 'or holde' is an alternative rendering
of 'tenura.'

² 'portmannot.'

³ 'et per eum et postea cum ipso super
altare cum textu obtulimus.' Does 'cum

textu' refer to the oath on the gospels, as
in nos. 154, 219?

⁴ Should be Everard.

⁵ 'et versus omnes homines.'

⁶ 'tradent.'

forsaide tenement by þe seruice of þe forsaide marke yerly for all thynges and all seruices. This our grauntyng and confirmacion we haue i-made with þe commune counsell of þe Cite, and with þe communall Seele haue i-confermed hit. And þese ben þey þe which þis grauntyng and confermyng haue i-made Nigell that tyme Deene of Oxonforde, John Kepeherme and Henry fȳt Sigrim þen Aldirmañ, laurence Kepeherme and thomas of tadmartoñ, þeñ pretores or pletoures¹, petur fȳt Geffrey, and other²; and all þe commune of þe Citisyns of þe Cite of oxonford.

[71.] HENRY, Kyng of Inglonde, Duke of Normandye and of Gieñ, and Erle of Aungie, to Robert³, Bisshope * of lincoln, and to þe Barons of oxonfordeshire and to þe Citisyns of oxonforde helth. Knowe 3e me to haue i-grauntid, and to haue i-confermed, to þe church of god and of Seynte Marye of Osney and to pabbot and Couent þere seruyng god, for my helth and of myne, pat 3ifte þe which þe Citisyns of Oxonforde haue i-maade to þe church of Seynte Marye of Osney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god [of] þe Ile⁴ þe which is i-callið Midleye, so pat Euery 3ere þe forsaide chanon3 paye dȳ. a marke of Siluer for pat tenure where þe same Citisyns wilte commaunde, as þe charter of þe forsaide Citisyns witnesseth. Wherefore I wilf and⁵ Surely commaunde or charge pat þe chanon3 holde weñ and In peece, and frely and worschipfully, nowe þe saide Ile⁶, as Euery⁷ oony mañ hit best or worschipfulliste helde. Witnisses Thomas⁸ owñ chaunceler, Richard of Hum, Gocell. of⁹ Bayñ. : at Sausburye.

About
1155.

* leaf 18,
back.
Confirmation
to
Osney, by
Henry II,
of no. 69.

[XII.] WALTON.

[72.] HIT is to be membrid that pabbot of Osney hath in Walton Diuerse londes and tenementes perteynyng to þe Chapeñ of Seynte George, as hit is i-schewed above in þe title of

Reference
to

¹ Latin is simply 'tunc pretores.'

² Latin is 'etc.'

³ Robert de Chesney, bp. of Linc. 1148-

⁴ 'de insula.' [66.

⁵ 'et firmiter precipio'; 'or charge' is an

alternative rendering.

⁶ 'iamdictam insulam.'

⁷ Read 'ever'; 'unquam.'

⁸ Thomas Becket, chancellor 1154-62.

⁹ Joscelyne de Bailol.

nos. 2. 'þe ffundacioñ of þe saide chapel of Seynte George' and
and 21. in þe title 'How þe church of Seynte George was i-zeve to vs.'

1192. [73.] [Controversy] betwene Osney & Godstowe.

Contro-
versy
between
Osney and
Godstow,

about tithes
and parish
dues in
north
suburb of
Oxford,

ended by
Osney
conceding
them to
Godstow,

and God-
stow
promising
to offer
yearly
2 wax-
candles at
Osney as
homage.

To all þe soones of oure holy modur þe church to þe which
this present writyng shall come, W. and W. of Cumbe and⁴
of Thame Abbotes, helth in oure lorde Euerlastyng. Knowe
þe all þat whenne, bitwene þabbot and chanons of Osney ande
thabbesse and Minchon of Godestow, was i-stered¹ a con-
trouersie or strife, vppoñ þe tithis of men of þe forsaide chanons⁸
and Walton and parisshens and tithis of xxtiⁱ acris, þe chanons
saying þe same parisshens and tithis to longe to þe church
of Seynte George (þe which is þere owne) of olde ryght, and þe
Minchon affermyng þe same parisshens and tithis to longe¹²
to þe church of Seynte Gile (þe which þey haue) of ryght:
at þe laste, this maner Ende² that controuersie or stryfe
fortunyed to take. Truly þabbot and Couent or chanons of
Osney, for þe love of god and of þe forsaide Mynchons religion¹⁶
sake, grauntid to þem in-to perpetuell almes all þe forsaide
parisshens And tithis, of theñ for Euer to be holde, payng
þerof þerely ij. Serges³ of iij. li. of waxe, þe which (semely
made or diȝth⁴) vppoñ þe Auter of Seynte Marye of Osney in²⁰
þe vigile of þe Assumpcion of heer afore Euensonge þey ofte
to Offe. for this cawse we, to þe which oure lorde pope Cele-
stine þe iij. this cause committid to be herde and (apell i-put
away) with dewe Ende to be termined, þis forsaide composicioñ,²⁴
By þe Autorite i-zeve to vs by þe pope, conferme hit and [by]
þe puttyng to of owre Seeles we make hit Sure: The which also
to more Surete, with þe seele of Bothe Chapters Is i-strengthid.
This composicion was i-maade þe þere fro þe Incarnacion of owre²⁸
lorde anno Mⁱ anno⁵ C. iiij.^{xx}. xij.

¹ 'controversia verteretur': 'or strife,'
as usual, is an alternative rendering of the
Latinism.

² 'huiusmodi finem controversia ipsa

sortita est.'

³ 'duos cereos.'

⁴ 'quos (decenter paratos).'

⁵ Dittography in MS.

[XIII. ETON.]

[74.] HIT¹ is to be Mynded^d pat we haue the towne of Eton of pe 3ifte of Robert Doylly pe soone of Nigeß Doylly, with pe pertinences; and of pe confirmacion of Henry his soone, And of Kyng Henry pe first, and of Alizaunder Bissshop of lincoln, and of pope Eugeny pe iij., as hit is aboue in pe title of 'pe fundacion of Oseney.'

Reference
to nos.
12,
16,
13, 14,
18.

[75.] IN pe Baylifhoode of Eton² ben i-conteyned pese 8 vndur-write:—Eton, Carsinton³, Woodeton, pe Mill of Hulc, Cudeslawe, ffrees, Hanborowgh, and Worton.

Water-
eaton on
Cherwell.

[76.] [Controversy] betwene Osney & ffrys wys.

122¹,
Jan. 19.

BE hit⁴ i-knowe to all men that when, bitwene Sire Richard Abbot and Couent of Osney of pe oon^d partie and Sir Symon prior and couent^{*} of Seynte ffrideswith of pe oper^e partie, was isterede a controuersie [vppon⁵ pe tithis] of pe Mille[s] of pe same chanons of Seynt ffrideswith, pe which Robert Hulc helde in pe towne of Watereton; and vppoñ pe tithis of heye of pe mede to pe same Milles perteynyng; and vppoñ tithis of fisshyng perteynyng to pe same milles, whenne pe Article vppoñ pe same mille[s] and tithis in pe composicion i-begunne bytwene parties vppoñ pe tithis and oper thynges abode vndetermined: at pe last, pey consentid with oone wille vppoñ Maister Roger Cauntelow and mayster N. of pe Woode that by pem pe question shuld be determined: so, at pe last, strife and controuersie afore pen i-mevid^d in this maner frendely hit restid; that is to say, pat pe saide chanons of Seynte ffrideswith [in the name of tithes of the church of Cudelinton] shall paye for pe saide tithes to pe chanons of Osney [ii. s.] 3erely at pe ffest of Seynte Mizghell; and if hit hap that pe saide chanons of Seynte ffrideswith pe saide Milles to⁶ oony oper take, pen pei which take pe

* leaf 19.
Agreement
between
Oseney and
St. Frides-
wyde's, as
to tithe of
Hulk mills,

a point left
unsettled
in no. 54,

that at any
time dur-
ing which
the priory
has the
mills in
hand 28.
yearly shall
be paid to
Oseney in
commuta-
tion of
tithe,

¹ All the property, up to this point, had been 'in the bailiffship of Oseney.'

² Nos. 74 and 75 are enclosed by a bracket, and noted 'Eton.'

³ i. e. Cassington.

⁴ Latin text of the St. Frideswyde's deed is given in Wigram's *Curt. S. Frid.*, ii. 211.

⁵ Added from the Latin.

⁶ An excellent place for the double meaning of *take* = (i) to give, (ii) to take. The Latin is: 'Si . . . canonici . . . molendina aliis quibuscunque tradiderint, tunc qui receperint illa molendina . . . solvant,' etc.

but when the mills are farmed out the tenant shall pay tithe to Osney in the usual way.

St. Frideswyde's servants in the mills to pay parish dues to Kidlington.

Milles, while þey holde þe[m] [shall pay] þe tithe[s] of þe forsaide Milles mede and ffishyng to þe saide chanons of Osney (þe chanons of Seynte frideswith in þe mene-while fro þe zevyng of þe saide ij. s. Deliuereð); but if þe same Milles with 4 þe pertinences þey take agayne, lete¹ renne þen þe payng of ij. s. as afore, so þat no more, in þe name of tithis, of þe[m] al so longe as þey holde þe[m] in þere handes may be axid. The chanons of Seynte frideswith haue i-grauntid² also þat þere 8 seruantes in þe forsaide Milles parisshe ryzghtes to þe church of Cudelyngton pertey[ny]ng (in þe parisshe of þe which þe Saide Milles ben i-sette) doo, as þey haue i-woned³ and ofte². Þese thynges were i-actid att Seynte frideswith afore þe saide Masters 12 R. and N. þe daye³ of Woden⁴ nexte afore þe feste of Seynte Vincente þe zere of þe Incarnacion of owr lorde anno Mⁱ CC xxvij. In-to þe strenght and witesse of þe which thyng þe forsaide parties, to-gedur⁵ with þe Seeles of þe saide masters, to þis 16 present writyng put to þere seeles. Þese witnesses, &c⁶.

1221.

[77.] A charter⁴ of þe prior of Seynt frideswith and of þe chanons of þe same place of þe sute of Eton.

Grant to Osney, by St. Frideswyde's that Osney demesne-land and tenants shall be free from suit, and from multure-fines, to Hule mills,

and that if Osney or Osney tenants

To all cristen men to þe which þis present writyng shall come Symon þe saide prior of Seynte frideswith and þe Couent of þe same place helth in our lorde. Knowe þe all vs to haue 20 quyte-claymed⁵ and vturly to haue relese⁶ to þabbot and Couent of Osney þe Sute of þere men in Eton and Cudeslawe, now beyng and to come, þe which Sute þey had i-woned⁷ to doo of Olde to owr Mylle that Is i-callid Hulces Mylle, or⁵ of grace 24 or of Dewte, noþer⁶ neuer by þe olde chalenge getyng of custom comyng in þere gryndyng shall chalenge, noþer of þe Demayne of þe forsaide Abbot And Couent, and what-so-Euer of ryzght we haue in þe forsaide gryndyng of þe[m] or of þere aforsayde 28 men we relese hit for Euer, with-oute reclaymyng; And if in oony tyme hit will please to þe forsaide Abbot and chanons

¹ 'Currat praefata solutio dictorum ii. s. sicut prius.'

² 'Debuerunt.'

³ 'die Mercurii.'

⁴ Wigram, ii. 209-10, has Latin text both of the Osney grant by abbot Clement

(died this year, 1221), and of this St. Frideswyde's grant by prior Simon.

⁵ 'siue ex gratia siue ex debito.'

⁶ 'nec unquam, obtentu antiquae consuetudinis, aliquid in eorum inolitura vendicabimus.'

or Couent of Osney¹ the maynye of here owne Courte of Eton, or pere meñ, for cawse of gryndyng, to oure Mille Come, of no Sute Dewte, by such maner, we shall axe or chalenge of þe
 4 forsaide maynye or meñ. And for this renuncyng and quite-claymyng, þe forsaide Abbot and Couent of Osney remittynge to vs ij. s. þe which we paide to þem 3erely for certeyne tithis in El[s]efelde of oolde, þe forsaide Abbot and Couent shall paye to
 8 vs 3erely halfe a marke of Siluer in þe ffest of Seynte My3heñ. And þese thynges of Both parties beth feythfully and spedely to be kepide we haue Surely behestid², with-oute Gile or Cauilla-cion. And that this Couenaunt betwene vs i-begunne abide
 12 sure and vnbroke, with þe surete of this present writyng and by puttyng to of owre seele we haue i-strenghtid hit. Þese witnesses,³ ̃.

choose to have corn ground there, their doing so will not be made a pretext to revive the claims; Osney surrendering 2s. tithe-rent-charge in Elsfield and agreeing to pay 6s. 8d. yearly.

[78.] A composicion bitwene vs and þe Howse of 1222,
 Enesham of þe Demayne of amise in Karsyntoñ⁴ & June 21.
 fisshyng in Wodetoñ.

To all chiddren of oure holy modur þe church to þe which
 16 this present writyng shall coome, of Euesham & * Wynchecumbe * leaf 10,
 Abbotes and prior of Euesham helth in oure lorde. Knowe 3e back.
 all þe contrauersye þe which was i-stered afore vs, by þe Osney and Einsham
 auctorite of oure lorde pope, bytwene thabbot and Couent of being at variance
 20 Enynsham of þe oone party, and thabbot and Couent of Osney about certein tithe
 of þe oper partie, vppoñ⁵ two sheves of tithis of þe Demayne in Cassington,
 of Amise of Wodestoke in Carsintoñ, and vppoñ a summe of and arrears
 24 moneye 3erely for þe fisshyng of Woodetoñ, with þe arerages of rent of a
 hit restid: that is to say, that þe saide Abbot and Couent of fishery at
 Eynynsham with goode wille relesed to þe saide Abbot & Couent Wood-
 of Osney iiij. s. iiij. d. of vj. s. iiij. d. þe which þey axed of þem Eaton,
 28 in þe name of þe fisshyng of Woodetoñ, þe which fisshyng þey Einsham
 grauntid to þe same chanons of Osney (that is to say, all þe accepted
 parte of pere water of Woodetoñ, with þe fisshyng, fro þat place payment of
 2s. in lieu
 of the
 arrears,
 and leased
 the fishery-
 rights to

¹ Insert 'that.' The Latin is: 'Si . . . placuerit . . . conuentui Oseneie familiam proprie curie . . . siue homines suos . . . accedere, nullius secte debitum, huiusmodi occasione, exigemus.'

² 'promisimus.'

³ Vivian, son of Ralph, sheriff of Oxford: which was 5-6 Henry III, 1220-2.

⁴ Marginal note: 'Kersynton and Wodeton.'

⁵ i. e., two-thirds of the tithe: see no. 21.

Oseney for 2s. yearly quit-rent, which Oseney paid by surrendering to Einsham a tithe-rent-charge of 2s. in Worton (no. 91). Einsham granted Oseney a 6 ft. strip along Cherwell to make a dam, on condition that Einsham meadow shall suffer no harm.

Oseney granted Einsham a perpetual lease of Oseney tithes in Cassington for 6s. yearly. Penalty of £2 on the breaker of this agreement.

where þe water begynneth to be here¹ towarde yhtesleye vnto þat place where² in oolde tyme was a locke or goter, to an scluse to be maade, or locke if þey wiſt, or to oper necessarye vses to þem) to be holde for ij. 3. 3erely for all exaccion for 4 Euer, for þe paying of þe which ij. 3. yerly þe saide chanons forsafe to þe saide Abbot and Couent of Eignysham ij. 3. 3erely þe which þey paid yerely to þe saide chanons for tithis of Worthon. They grauntid also to þe forsaide Abbot and chanons⁸ a Brynke³ by þe water, in lenght⁴ of vj. fote, fro þe locke or goter vnto þe Araþle londe, þe which Brynke (if þey make pere a goter or locke), or⁵ wiſt arere vp An scluse of here londe and wiſt kepe hit in all tyme, þey shaft so kepe hit, so (þat is to 12 say) that by noo goyng ouer of water or oony oper withstandyng (while þe saide chanons make hit) to þe mede of þe saide Munkes maye harme come; And if by-cawse⁶ pere come hyn-deryng⁷ þerof, þe saide chanons, withoute differryng⁸ or occasion, 16 competently shaft Amende hit. And þe forsaide chanons haue i-grauntid to þe forsaide Abbot and Munkes þe saide tithis of Carsynton, to be holde of them for euer to fferme, for vj. 3. of sterlynges 3erely at two termes to be i-paied, þat is to saye, at 20 þe ffest of Myzghelmasse iij. 3. and at Estur iij. 3. and if oony of þe saide parties agaynste þe saide composicion be come, to þe opere partye he shaft paye þe peyne of xl. 3. and that this composicion be Sure and stable for Euer, hit with our Seeles, to 24 gedur with þe seeles of þe parties, we haue i-strenghtid. These thynges were i-doo In þe vigile of Seynt Albon prothomartir of Inglonde in þe church of Seynte Marye Mawdeſen of oxonforde, þe 3ere fro þe Incarnacion of our lorde, anno M^tCCxxij. These 28 witnysses, 1

¹ i. e. theirs; 'sua.'

² 'ubi antiquitus gurgis fuit, ad faciendam ibi exclusam, vel gurgitem, si voluerint, vel ad alios usus sibi necessarios.'

³ 'ripam secus ipsam aquam.'

⁴ Read 'breadth.'

⁵ The translation here breaks down by neglecting the change from the subjunctive to the indicative. Read 'if they there shall make a lock or exclude, they must

raise that bank (ripa) with their own earth, and keep it always mounded up (elevatam), in such wise that no hurt shall happen to Einsham mead, by overflow of water (inundatio) or damming of the stream (obstaculum) caused by Oseney.'

⁶ 'si forte.'

⁷ i. e. harm: 'detrimentum.'

⁸ deferring: 'dilatacione.'

[XIIII.] CUDESLAWE AND FFREES¹.

[79.] A Charter of Robert Doylly þe secunde, of Cudeslawe and ffrees.

Pro-fessedly 1149?

BE hit i-knowe to all cristen men that I, Robert Doylly, willyng and consentyng Edithe my wife and my soones Henry and Gilbert, 3efe and graunt, in-to pure and perpetuell almes, 1.
 4 Et Infra, 'thre hides of londe in Cudeslawe, with men, tithis, and oper pertinences; and þe Chapell of ffrees, with þe mansion and londe agaynste þe Chapell towarde þe west, with ffedynges and pasturis and his oper pertinences,' &c². Seke this charter
 8 in þe title 'Howe þe church of Seynte George was i-3efe to þe chanon8 of Osneye.'

Excerpt from the pretended grant to Oseney by Robert Doyly II, of Frees chapel (belonging to St. George's church) as in no. 21.

[NOTE.—Nos. 79 and 80 bring us back into the circle of forgery and blunder. Frees (no. 79) was not a Doyly property at all, but belonged to the St. Valerie family. Roger of Ivri, who died before 1100, is made, in the title of no. 80, to confirm a grant by Robert Doyly II, who did not come into his estate till after 1115.]

[80.] A confirmacion of Roger of Iuory of þe same.

'KNOWE þey that be present and to come þat * I, Roger of Iuory, for þe helth of our lorde Kyng and of all þe Reame and
 12 also for þe helth of my lorde Robert Doylly and of Aldithe his wife and þe helth of myne, haue i-grauntid and with my present charter haue i-confermed' as hit is i-write above in 'þe fundacion.' Also hit is to be notid that we haue confirmacion of
 16 Geffrey of Iuorye vppon þe same aforsaide, and many oper confirmacions of þe same also.

* leaf 20. Excerpt from no. 3,

and reference to no. 22.

[81.] A charter i-yeve to Richard, Erle of Cornwayle, of þe commune In Erdynton.

About 1245.

To all cristen men to þe which this present writyng shall come, frere John², By þe mercy of god Abbot of Oseney, and
 20 þe Couent of þe same place, helthi. Knowe 3e all that whenne lorde Richard Erle of Cornwayle had i-grauntid to vs a mese that Adam porter³ helde sumtyme with his pertinences at ffrees,

Undertaking by Oseney, to accept a mesuage at Frees, without claiming

¹ The MS. draws triple attention to this section—by a marginal note 'Note Cudeslawe And ffrees,' by ink-markings in the heading, and by an elaborate sketch of a hand, opposite no. 80, pointing upwards. Wood's *Life and Times*, i. 217-8, describes Frice as a pasture-ground on the south

borders of Yarnton and Kidlington parishes.

² John de Reading, abbot 1229-35, or John Leech, abbot 1235-49.

³ 'pontarius' in the Latin. Thomas of St. Valerie had bound Oseney to keep up the causeway (calcia) at Frees. This Adam probably attended to that duty.

pasture-
rights in
Yarnton.

we bownde vs to þe same and to his heyres by our present writyng that, by-cawse of þe saide mese with þe pertynences, commune of pasture in his maner of Erdyngton we maye not axe. In-to witnesse of þe which thynges we haue i-put to oure seele, ȝ. 4

About
1260.

[82.] A charter bitwene vs and Water of Croxforde of þe crofte of þe ffrees.

Grant by
Osney, to
Walter of
Croxford
and heirs,

of land at
Frees,

at quit-
rent of
6s. 8d.,

tenants to
pay all
burdens,

and not to
convey the
land to
others: re-
peated in
no. 106.

KNOWE all men that in this wise hit was a-Cordid bitwene Richard¹ Abbot of Osneye and þe Couent of þe same place of þe oone partie, and Water Croxforde of þe oper, that is to say, that þe seide Abbot and Couent lete² and toke, to þe saide 8 Water and to his heyres, a crofte, or þat telth, þe which is agaynste þe Chapeill of ffrees of þe west partie, with Dichis, medis, and oper pertynences: to be holde and had, to þe forsaide Water and to his heyres, to perpetuefl fee-ferme, 3eldyng perof 12 3erely to þe saide Abbot and Couent dȝ. a marke at Osney, that is to say, in þe Daye of Seynte Myȝhefl or a-fore xl. d. and in þe day of þe Annunciacion of owr lady Seynte marye or a-fore xl. d.; and þe same Water and his heyres shaft susteyne and 16 aquite all burdonȝ towchyng þe same crofte or telth with his owne costis; and hit shaft not be lawfull to þe saide Water and to his heyres þe saide crofte or telth to sell ȝefe or bequeth to oony man or in oony wise to aliene. [And if] that he doo or 20 his heyres doo, hit shaft be lawfull to þe forsaide Abbot and Couent and to here successours þe saide crofte or telth to Entre and to haue for Euer, withoute Impediment or lett of þe saide Water or his heyres: and³ þat [this] dimissioñ or lettyng and 24 of perpetuefl farme takyng be sure and stable for Euer, [þe] parties to þis writyng in maner of A charter i-maade, Eueryche agaynste oper haue i-put to þere seeles. These witnysses. ȝ.

[XV. HANBOROWGH.]

About
1140.

Grant to
Osney, by
queen-

[83.] A charter of quene Adelide of Hanborowgh.

ADELIDE⁴, By þe grace of god, quene of Inglonde, to Archie- 28
bisshops Bisshops and Abbotes Erlys Barons and Vicountes, and

¹ Richard of Apletre, abbot 1254-67.

² 'dimiserunt et tradiderunt.'

³ 'et ut h[a]ec dimissio et perpetue firme

tradicio.'

⁴ Adelicia of Louvaine, second wife of Henry I (died 1135), died 1151.

to all true men of holy church helth. Knowe ye that I Adelide, dowager
 Dowghter of Godfray Duke of loreyne¹, þe which was wife of Alice,
 þe moste noble Kyng Henry of Inglonde and Duke of Nor-
 4 mandye, haue i-grauntid and i-zeve to þe church of Seynt Marye
 in Oseneye, j. hide of londe þe which lieth at Hanborowgh and of a hide,
 longeth to Sauntoñ² my maner, for þe Remedye of þe Sowle of
 þe mooste noble Kyng Henry of Ingland my lorde and my
 8 helth and³ of kynnesfolkes of his and Myne and for þe Sowles
 of all cristen men dede. Wherefore I wil and praye þat weſt
 and in peece & worschipfully * þe forsaide londe þe forsaide * leaf 20,
 church holde, as my lorde Henry Kyng of Ingland euer best back.
 12 and moste honestly in his lordeship helde and aftur to me in þe
 same lordeship 3afe and grauntid to me, that is to say, in woode
 and In playne, In medes and ffedynges, in waters weyes and In
 patthis, and in all oþer places, with sock and sack, tol and
 16 team, and Infangenthef, and all oþer customes and fredoms, as
 I held hit best while hit was in my lordeship. Witnesse:
 Symon, Bisshop of Wircetur, ꝑ.

[84.] A⁴ confirmacion of Moolde themperice of þe Same Reference
 20 after þe forme of quene Adelide; and so after, a confirmacion to no. 61,
 of Kyng Henry, and a-noper of Kyng John, worde by worde in &c.
 substaunce. This charter and tweyne afore been fully write
 above in þe title of 'Aldewere.'

[85.] A confirmacion of Kyng Henry⁵ iiij. þe soone 1231,
 of Kyng John of þe same and of oþer thynges. July 14.

24 HENRY, By þe grace of god Kyng of Inglonde lorde of Ireland Confirmation
 Duke of Normandy and of Gyeñ and Erle of Aungie, to Archie- to
 bisshops Bisshops Abbotes Priores Erles Barons Justices Vicountes Oseney,
 Prouestes Mynsters and to all Baylyfs and his true men helth. by Henry
 28 Knowe 3e vs, for god sake and for þe helth of oure sowle and of III,
 þe sowles of oure aunceturs and heyres, to haue i-zelded, haue
 i-grauntid, and with this oure charter haue i-confermed, for vs
 and oure heyres, to thabbot and Couent of Seynte Marye of
 32 Oseney and to here successours, in-to ffre almes pure and per-

¹ 'Lotharingie.'² 'Stanton' in the Latin, i. e. Stan-
ton Harcourt.³ 'et parentum suorum et meorum.'⁴ Marginal note: 'Nota.'⁵ i. e. Henry III: see note 5, p. 36.

of queen
Alice's gift
(no. 83);

and of ex-
changes of
18s. and
6s. rent-
charges in
Bensington
for lands in
Holcombe
and War-
borough.

petueſt, þe yiſte and graunte þe which Adelide or Alice ſumtyme
quene of Inglonde maade, to god and to þe church of Seynte
Marye of Oſeney and to þe chanons þere *seruyng* god, [of] j.
hide of londe þe which heth at Hanborowgh¹ By the Brygge of 4
Bladoñ. we haue i-ȝelde also, and haue i-grauntid, and with
this owr charter confermyd, for vs and owr heyres, to þe forsaide
Abbot and Couent and to here successours, in-to fire pure and
perpetueſt almes, þe londe of Holcumbe¹ þe which Geffrey of 8
Iuory² assined to them for xvij. ȝ. þe which þey oſtyd ȝerely to
haue in Hensyntoñ³, with þe londe of Wareborowgh¹ þe which
þe same Geffrey assyned to þem for vj. ȝ. Wherefore we wiſt
and surely charge þat þe forsaide chanons and þere successours 12
haue and holde, in-to free pure and perpetueſt almys, þe for-
saide hide of londe þe which lieth at Hanborowgh, and þe
forsaide londe of Holcumbe, with þe forsaide londe of Ware-
borowgh, weſt and in pece, frely and quietly and holy, as þe 16
charter of þe forsaide Geffrey and þe confirmacion of Kyng
Henry owr Beelesire, þe which þey haue perof, resonably wit-
nesseñ. These witnesses, ȝ.

1248,
Nov. 7.

[86.] A Jugement i-made afore þe Justices of owr lorde
Kyng Henry⁴ þe sone of Kyng John of þe londe of
Hanborowgh.

Hir is to be Remembrid that in þe ȝere of Kyng Henry þe 20
soonð of Kyng John xxxij., þe next saturday afore þe fest of
Seynt Martyñ, afore Jeremye Kacstoñ, Henry of Bretoñ⁵, and
Henry de la Mare, Justices sitting in þe stede of owre lord þe
Kyng, Hit was I-Jugged for pabbot of Osneye of A plowe of 24
londe with þe pertinences In Hanborowgh;

vppoñ þe which owre lorde Kyng impletid hym in his courte
by breve 'precipe,' of þe which such was þe tenour, Henry By
the grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, ȝ. to þe schereref of oxon- 28
forde-shire he[1]th. Commaunde thabbot of Oſeney that he ȝelde
to vs a plowe of londe with þe pertinences In Hanborowgh,
and⁶ but he do, sumne hym by a goode sumnyng that he be
afore vs fro þe day of Seynt Myȝheſt in-to þe xv. Dayes to 32

Henry III
having
claimed for
the Crown
the hide (in
no. 83),

¹ Name noted in the margin.

² In error for 'Iuoy.'

³ In error for 'Bensington.'

⁴ Marginal note: 'Henry 3.'

⁵ Bretton (or Bracton).

⁶ 'et nisi fecerit, summone eum.'

schewe whye he schall not Doo hit; and haue þu þis brefe.

* Myne owne selfe witnesse, I.

* leaf 21.

that þe same Abbot, By þe charter of Adelide or Alis sum-
 4 tyme quene of Inglonde, and By þe charter of Moolde themperice,
 and By confirmacion of Kyng Henry, and by confirmacion of
 Kyng John, And By charter of Kyng Henry nowe reynyng (by
 the which þe same Kyng to þabbot and chanon̄s of Oseney þe
 8 same londe with þe pertinences zeldyng¹ as his ryȝht) full
 ryȝht hath in þe same, & hath and holdeth in-to free and
 perpetueſt almes, after þe tenour̄ of þe charters aforesaide, as²
 hit is in þe sesynyng; and that Adam Berners, chanoñ, attor-
 12 neye of þe same Abbot, yed³ with-owte daye. These þynges
 were i-doo of passent of owr lorde Kyng selfe, of þe counsell of
 his counsellors þen beyng present with owr lorde Kyng, that
 is to say, John Maunseſt; Robert passeſt; Raph ffigt Nicholſ;
 16 Bertram of Orreſt; Peter chaceporter, Kynges tresorer; Edward
 of Westmynster, chaunceler of þe Checur; And hit is to be
 i-Mynded that owr lorde Kyng apered⁴ by his attorneye, laurence
 of Beoc⁵, to here þe Juggement, þe which also abode In þe
 20 mercy of Kyng.

Oseney pro-
 duced its
 title-deeds
 (nos. 83,
 61, &c.)

and the
 confirma-
 tion (no.
 85),

and was
 confirmed
 in posses-
 sion.

[87.] A charter agaynste John of Hanborowgh and
 William of Seynte Eweyne of þe Shepehowse.

About
 1240.

BE hit i-knowe to all men that whenne, bytwene John of
 Hanborowgh and William of Seynte Eweyne of þe oon⁶ partie,
 and John⁴ Abbot and Couent of Oseney of þe oþer partie, was
 24 i-moved a controuersye vppon a Shepehowse of þe same chanon̄s
 at Hanborowgh (þe which⁵ þe same [John] saide hit leuyed⁶ to
 nothyng of his free tenement), and vppon ouercharyng of
 pasture in þe same towne: at þe laste, by counsell of worthy
 28 men, all þe strifes i-moved restid in-to this maner,

that is to say, þat þe forsaide John all his quareſt, that he
 had, or myȝht haue, by þe occasion of þe saide shepehowse, to
 þe saide chanon̄s, for hym and his heyres for Euer, remittyng⁶

Contro-
 versy be-
 tween
 Oseney,
 and two
 inhabitants
 of Hand-
 borough,
 about a
 sheep-
 house, and
 pasture-
 rights,

¹ Read 'yelded': 'reddidit.'

² 'sicut est in seisinā.'

³ 'Broc.'

⁴ Probably John Leche, abbot 1235-49.

⁵ 'quam dicebat idem Iohannes levatam

[esse] ad nocumentum liberi tenementi sui.'

⁶ Read 'remitted,' 'remisit': 'or re-
 leased' is the translator's usual alternative
 addition.

ended by
Oseney
giving half-
an-acre in
exchange
for land
beside the
sheep-
house ;

undertak-
ing not to
send an
excessive
number of
beasts to
common
pasture ;
and paying
13s. 4d.,
and 6s. 8d.

About
1270.

Grant to
Oseney, by
William of
St. Ewen,

of land and
meadow,

* leaf 21,
back.

or releſid by a chaunge¹ i-maade Bytwene parties, þat is to ſay, that þe ſaid Abbot and Couent, for a Butte² of londe of þe ſame John by þe which þe ſeide Shepehowſe whas i-ſett, þey ʒafe to hym and to his heyres, in-to a perpetueſſ Eſchaunge, dñ. acre, 4 that is to ſay, In telth þe which is i-callid longelonde by a noþer dñ. Acre of þe ſame chanonſ.

The forſaide alſo John and William þe accion vppoñ þe ouer-chargyng vppoñ þe paſture i-meved releſed, ſo (that is to ſay) 8 þat þe ſaide Abbot and Couent to þe ſaide John & William grauntid that [they³] þe paſture of þe feldeſ of Haneborowgh agaynſte þe lawe ſhall not ouer-charge hit, ſo þat napeles þe ſame chanonſ haue ffree goyng⁴ away to here commune paſtures 12 owtewarde to all here beſtes and Beſtialles withoute lett of John and William and þere heyres ; and for this graunte, Eſchaunge, and releſe, þey ʒafe to þe ſaide John j. Marke and to þe ſaide William dñ. marke. In-to witnyſſe of þe which thyng to this 16 preſent wrytyng þey put to þere ſeeles : Theſe wittenneſſes, ð.

[88.] A charter of Willyam of Seynte Eweyeñ of þe londe in þe felde of Hanborowgh and of þe mede of Cumede.

KNOWE they that be now and to be that I William of Seynte Eweyne, ſoone and heyñ of William of Seynte Eweyeñ, ʒafe, grauntid, and with this preſent charter confermed, to god and 20 to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to William Abbot and to þe chanonſ þere ſeruyng god and for Euer to ſerue, that telth in þe ffelde of Hanborowgh þe which is i-callid þe Breche, with hayis and his oþer pertinences, and a Mede þe which is i- 24 callid Cumede, with þe pertinences, * þe which Water of New fforeſt ſumtyme helde ; and vj. acris in le Brech, with hayis and his oþer pertinences, þe which lieñ by þe londe of [Adam] de la Dunhalle of þe Eſt partie ; and þat telth In þe Brech, with 28 hayes and his oþer pertinences, þe which lieth by Hugh of Blowende of þe weſte partie In þe ſame ffelde : to be had and to be holde, to þe forſaide church and Chanonſ, of me and of my heyres, In-to fire and perpetueſſ almes, alſo much as longeth 32

¹ i. e. exchange : 'per escambium.'

² MS. has 'for A But a Butte.'

³ i. e. (the Abbot & convent) 'contra egein terre non super(h)onerabunt.'

⁴ 'accessum et regressum ad communes pasturas suas extrinsecas ad omnia averia sua et pecora.'

to me and to my heyres, 3eldyng¹ þerof 3erely for me and my heyres to þe heyres of Water of Newe fforest xj. 3. iiij. d. (that is to say, at þe ffest of Seynte My3heñ v. 3. and at þe ffest of 4 Seynte John þe Baptiste vj. 3. iiij. d.) for all thyng þe which of þat londe or for þat londe may¹ or shaft mowe to be axid for Euer. And I William and my heyres or myne assines all þe 8 forsaide thynges to þe forsaide church and Chanons agaynste all cristen meñ and Juys as our pure almes shaft warantize, & of all maner Sutes of Courte and fforeyne service shaft aquite and defende, outetake þe xj. 3. iiij. d. þe which þe saide chanons shall aquite as hit is afore i-saide. And þat this my yifte, graunte, 12 and of my charter confirmacion, be sure and stable for Euer, to this wrytyng I haue i-put my seele. These witnesse, ꝑ.

subject to
113. 3d.
quit-rent
to the chief
lords.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

[XVI.] WORTON.

[89.] Thabbot of Osney hath þe londe of Worton of þe yifte of Robert Doylly; and confirmacion of Roger of Iuorye, 16 and of Henry Doylly, and of Bisshops, and of þe chapter² of lincoln, and of Kynges of Inglonde, as hit is i-schewed In þe title 'How þe church of Seynte George was i-3efe to þe chanons of Oseney.'

Reference
to nos. 2,
21, 3, 23,
&c.

[90.] Bourton³. The Booke of ffeys seyeth þat thabbot of Oseney holdeth ij. hides of londe and dñ. in Borton in-to fire almes of þe prebende of Seynte George.

Worton:
see in
no. 21.

20 [91.] B. by þe Grace of god Bisshop of⁴ lincoln or of Exceter and John⁴ Deen of Chichester to all cristen meñ helth. Knowe 3e all a stryfe (þe which was longe i-stered bytwene thabbot of Eynesham and N. clerke of Karsynton and thabbot

About
1170.
Agreement
between
Oseney, and
Einsham,

¹ 'exigi potest vel poterit.'

² MS. repeats 'of the chapter.'

³ 'Bourton' must be in error for 'Worton,' where Oseney held 2½ hides. Oseney had land at (Black-)bourton, but not of that extent, nor would it come in this *titulus*.

⁴ 'of Lincoln or' is inserted by the

translator and 'I.' expanded to John, without warrant of the Latin. The names are Bartholomew, bishop of Exeter 1161-84; and Jordan de Meleburn, dean of Chichester up to 1178. The first of the witnesses is Simon, abbot of St. Alban's 1166-88.

about
tithes in
Worton,

Einsham
taking a
perpetual
lease of the
tithes at
quit-rent
of 2s. (see
no. 78).

of Oseney vppoñ tithis of j. hide of londe in Worton þe¹ which is i-sayde to be þe lordship of þe same lituñ towne) In this maner in owr^r presence, be transaction, to be decidid^r: that þe church of Eynesham þe forsaide tithis shañ holde for Euer, 4 þerof zeldyng euery zere to þe church of Oseney ij. s. at þe ffest of Seynte Myzghell. So truly, afore vs [the which] (of owr^r lorde þe pope commaundement) that cawse to be i-know and i-termined^r hade i-hāke² hit, ffeyth of eyþer parte i-plyzght betwē þem: 8 at Newberye hit was i-doo.

1259,
Nov. 26.

[92.] An Inquisicion i-maade in þe hundrede of Wotton
of þe ffreedomys or liberteyes of þe same.

On inquisi-
tion,

whether
Oseney and
its tenants
(in Worton
and Hens-
ington)
owed suit
to Wotton
hundred,
Oseney pro-
duced nos.
13 and 31

* leaf 22.

establis-
hing exemp-
tion.

HIT is to be remembrið that, when þer was i-maade an Inquisicion In þe full hundrede of Wotton by þe commaundement of owr^r lorde Kyng Henry þe soone of Kyng John þe zere of his 12 reyne xliiij., in þe full hundred of Wotton, Weþer þabbot of Oseney and his meñ of Worton and Hensynton oftid^r or were i-wonyd to do sute to þe forsaide hundred, ffrere William Sutton, procuratour of Oseney, schewed^r charters of lordis Kynges of 16 Inglonde of liberteis or ffreedomys, that is to say, a charter of Kyng Henry þe j., and A charter of Kyng Henry þe Sone of Kyng John, In þe which openly was i-conteyned that thabbot of Oseney and his meñ of Worton and of Hensynton be quite 20 of Schires, Hundredis, Danyzeldes, all maner Sutes, commune pleyes, (with Sock sack *tol and theam and Infangenthefe), and of all maner exaccions and Demaundis, outetake murthur i-preued^r. The which also i-rede and i-vndurstande, þe hundrede 24 with oone assent and consent Juggid þe saide Abbot and all his meñ of Worton and of Hensynton of all maner of Sutes of þe hundrede of Wotton to be quite for Euer. And in-to wnesse of this thyng Robert Kyngton, þeñ Baylyfe of þe hundrede of 28 Wotton, and Sir Gilbert of Hide, Knyzght, and Robert Romely, and Aleyne Romely þe yongur, and Robert of Worton⁴, and

¹ 'qu[a]e dominium eiusdem villule esse perhibetur.'

² So in MS. The Latin shows 'h' ought to be 't,' and the stroke over 'a' to be a bungled correction of the error: ead 'i-take.' 'Coram nobis, qui ex

domini pape mandato causam illam cognoscendam terminandamque suscepimus.'

³ Marginal note: 'Note þe ffreedomys of Worton and of Hensynton.'

⁴ Wotton, in the Latin.

William of lituſt Bartoñ, clerke, and Petur of þe same, and Roger of Wodestoke, and John of Bartoñ, clerke, and John labanc, and Thomas of ffule¹ and Will., þe which at þe hundred were present whenne þe fore thynges were Inquired or axid and Juggid, to this writyng put to þere seeles þe day that is to say of Wodenysday afore þe fest of Seynte Andrew þe 3ere of þe reyne of Kyng Henry þe soone of Kyng John xliij[j]².

[93.] A confirmacion of Syr Hugh Plesettis of liberteyes and ffredoms. 1300, June 8.

8 To all cristen meñ this present writyng to see or to here, Hugh of plesettis³, Knyzth, helth in owre lorde. Knowe 3e me to⁴ haue i-lokyd or seen þe charter þat which Robert Doylly maade to god and to seynte Marye and to þe chanon⁵ of Oseney, 12 conteynyng these wordis:—

Recitation,
by Hugh of
Plessets,

Know all cristen meñ that I, Robert Doylly, grauntid and with my charter confermed, for me and my heyres, to god and to þe church of Seynte Mary of Oseney and to þe chanon⁵ per 16 seruyng god and for Euer to serue, for my helth and of Edith my wife and my kynnesfolkes and of my ffrendes, in-to ffre pure and perpetuell almes, all londes rentes tithis tenementes and possessions both of þe church and of þe layfee þe which þey 20 haue off my 3ifte and of þe 3iftes of my meñ, and þe which of me or my heyres or my meñ they maye gete in tyme to be, in all [my] maners, with all fredom⁵ and free custom⁵ þe which I Euer had or oony of my aunceturs or in tyme to be maye gete 24 or oony of my heyres maye gete. I grauntid also to þe same chanon⁵ and to here successours, for me and my heyres, that þey haue per courte for Euer ffre in all my maners⁶ of all þere meñ for all maner transgressions and Defautes where-so-Euer 28 and whenne-so-Euer and of what-Euer thyng þe[y] happe; And that þey and þere meñ be quite for Euer fro all maner sutes of

of no. 39, i.e.
of Robert
Doyly II's
renuncia-
tion of
feudal
rights over
Oseney,

¹ 'Fulewelle': no 'and Will.' occurs in the Latin. Possibly the translator meant 'Fullandwell,' for 'Fulwell.'

² Marginal note: 'Henry 3.' The year is xliv in the Latin, and above.

³ Hugh of Plessets succeeded (no. 260) in 1291 to the barony of Hooknorton (formerly of the Doyly family); was

summoned to Parliament as baron in Feb. 1333; died 1301.

⁴ 'inspexisse cartam.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'Note þe fredoms of þe founder.'

⁶ In the margin: 'Cudelynton' with underneath a carefully drawn hand pointing to it.

my courte and of my heyres, and of vywe [of] freplegges all¹
 courte riall, and of þoo thynges that longe to vywe, and of all
 sutes of my Milles, and of all helpes tallages exaccions quarels
 and demandis; And [if] for flyght or felonye oony of þere meñ⁴
 ofte to lese his catañ, þey shall be of þe same chanons, withoute
 oony witholdyng to me or of my heyres; and if² þere tenauntes
 of þe same chanons haue be i-founde or i-arested I graunte for
 me and my heyres to þe saide chanons and to þere successours⁸
 what-so-Euer thyng þere² mowe to fail for Euer; Also, if they
 or þere meñ be amercid agaynst me or my heyres or my
 baylyffes or my meñ, for oony maner cawse trespase or forfet, all
 þe mercynges and mercementes and all fynys and all profettes¹²
 and all owte-goynge of pleys þe which come forthe of them or
 of þere meñ shall be of þe same chanons, withoute oony with-
 holdyng to me or to my heyres, wheþer hit be for a defawte or
 for oony oper cawse. I haue i-grauntid also to þe same chanons¹⁶
 and to þere successours that noþer I, noþer my eyres, noþer none
 In owre name, noþer of owr, maye hereafter axe of þe forsaide
 chanons or of heþ successours or of þere meñ any custom or
 seruice or bondage, noþer to put þere meñ in presoñ or in-to²⁰
 bondys or in-to stocke for oony trespase or forfet, but with
 open thefte or manslawztter vppon * my demayne londis þey
 haue be take and attached. I will also and surely charge, for
 me and my heyres, þat þe forsayde chanons and þere successours²⁴
 and þere meñ haue weñ and in pece, In all my maners wodes
 and waters pondys and ffischynges, fre ffishyng and fre Entre
 and owte-goynge and pannage of þere hogges quyte (oute-take
 styvys and my parkes i-closid in): and [that] þey haue ffre²⁸
 commune to þere shepe and hogges, and to all oper bestis In all
 my maners and in woodis, and [that] þey be not Imparkid or
 poynynd but þey be i-founde In open harme: that, if hit happe,
 by a wedde³ þey maye receyue þere bestes; and after, by þe vywe³²
 of lawfull meñ, þe harme þat þere bestes haue i-doo, owte [of]
 my courte, þey may make to [be] emendid. To þese thynges
 I haue i-grauntid, for me and my heyres, þat þey haue housboote

* leaf 22,
back.

¹ 'all' in error for 'or.' In no. 39, p. 43/15 the corresponding clause is 'and of lawday.' The court-leet represented the delegated jurisdiction of the king

exercised by the lord of the manor.

² Lines dropped out: cp. no. 39, p. 43/21, 22, 23, 24.

³ i. e. surety.

and heyboote and to be i-brendid resonably at þere granges in my woodys In þoo places where I haue woodys. Also I graunte, for me and my heyres for Euer, þat þe saide chanon̄s and þere
 4 successours may chese to þeṁ and ordeyne a prelate to þere wiṭt after þe decese of Euery prelate, with-outte lette of me or of my heyres: and þat þey may put, haue, and doo away, In all here granges, kepers suche as þey seme expedient to þeṁ and
 8 þere howse: and that this my gifte, graunte, and charter confirmacion, be stable and sure for Euer, to this writyng I haue i-put my seele. These witnesses: Geffrey arthor, Roger of Amery, fulke of Oyly, Hugh of Tywe, Robert ffigt Widoṁ, philippe of
 12 Hamptoṁ, Raph ffigt Raph, Roger testarde, Roger of Amory, and oper.

ffor þis¹, I, þe forsaiide Hugh of plesettis, all þe giftis grauntes and confirmacions above i-write, as hit is above i-write, I-maade
 16 to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Osney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, hauyng² i-confermed and plesid, for me and my heyres, them to god, to þe church of Seynte marye of Oseney above-saide, and to þe chanon̄s In hit seruyng god,
 20 graunte, ande for Euer-more with this present writyng conferme. In-to wisse of this thyng this present writyng with my seeles pryntyng I haue i-strengthid hit. These witnysses: Henry thisteldene, that tyme shreve of Oxonforde; John of
 24 Elfesfelde³, Richard of Amory, John of prewes, Walter of Wyghthull, Knyghthes; Symoṁ of Grenehull, þat tyme stywarde of Walyngforde; Roger of Bewbeche, Hugh of Bartoṁ, Henry of Dichele, and oper. i-ȝefe and i-doo at Osney, þe Wodenysday
 28 nexte afore þe fest of seynte Barnabe thapostele, þe ȝere of ouṛ lord M¹CCC., and In the ȝere of þe regne of Kyng Edward þe soone of Kyng Henry xxviii.

and con-
firmation
of it.

[XVII. KIDLINGTON.]

[94.] Hit⁴ is to be myndid that pabbot of Osney hath
 32 þe church of Cudelyntoṁ of þe yifte of Robert Doylly þe secunde; and confirmacion of Kyng Henry þe soone of Willyam

Reference
to nos. 12,
13, 14, 18, 19

¹ 'Ego igitur.'

² 'ratas habens et gratas.'

³ i. e. Elsfield.

⁴ Marginal note: 'Nota bene.'

bastarde, and of Alizaunder Bissshop of lincoln, and of pope Eugeny pe iij., and also of pe chapiter of lincoln: as hit is i-schewed above in 'pe fundacion of Osney.' Also we haue a confirmacion of seynte¹ Hugh Bissshop of lincoln, pe which is in 4th pe title 'How pe church of Seynte George was i-zeft to pe chanons of Osney.'

and to
no 37.

Kidling-
ton.

[95.] In² pe Baylyschepe of Cudelynton ben pese townes i-conteyned:—Cudelynton, Goseforde, Coggeswoode, Thrope, 8 Shipton, Hensynton, Wythhuff.

About
1220.

[96.] Charter of Henry Doylly pe secunde of pe tithis of Cudelynton and of oþer thynges.

* leaf 23.
Grant to
Osney,
by Henry
Doyly II,

of tithe of
hay of his
demesne-
land and
tenants'
lands in
four
manors,
for the
infirmary
of Osney.

* To all pe soones of owr holy modur pe church to see or to hyre this present letters, Henry Doyly, owre lorde pe Kynges constable, helth. Knowe 3e me willefully³, for pe oonly loue of 12 goddis goodenes, for my helth and of my aunceturs, to haue i-zeve and to haue i-grauntid and to haue i-confermed to my most dere chanons of Osney all pe tithis of heye bothe of my demaynys and of my men tenauntes of my fee in my maners of 16 Hokenorton, of Cudelynton, of Weston, of Cleydon, to pe susteynyng⁴ of þoo thynges pe which ben necessarye In pitaunces and medicynys of brethren i-leyde in the infirmarie. and, þat this 3ifte of this my almes be sure and hoole to pe saide howse 20 for Euer, this present writyng with my seele I-made hit to be strengthd. These witnesses, &c⁵.

1273,
July 21.

[97.] A sentence diffinitiffe vppon mortuarijs In pe parishe of Cudelynton.

Osney, as
rector of
Kidlington,

THESE thynges were i-actid or doo In pe conuentual church of Seynte frideswith at oxonforde, In pe vigile of Seynte marye 24 Mawdeſen, in pe 3ere of owr lorde anno M^oCClxxiiij., afore vs, officiall of my lorde Archedecun of oxonforde, by ordinary Jurisdiccio knowyng, in pe cawse pe which vppon a mortuary is i-sterid, bitwene religiouse men thabbot and couent of Osney, 23

¹ St. Hugh of Avalon, died 1200.

² Marginal note: 'Nota bene.'

³ 'gratis.'

⁴ Marginal note: 'Nota: for pitaunces for seke men and for medicines.'

actors, by frere Roger Waldis of þe same place chanone (here procuratour lawfully ordeyned) comperyng, of þe oon partie, and Robert Synat, Thomas yenge, and moolde the lefte of Raph
 4 ffrensh of thrope, executors of þe testament of þe same Raph dede, gylty¹, personally comperyng of þe oþer partie: þat is to say, whenne hit was i-schewed þe seyde gylty¹ at þe same day and place lawfully and peremptoryly to haue be i-callid, of þe
 8 saide religiousmeñ, þe procuratour aforsaide agaynst þe same gylty¹ here Intent purposed in þe name of here lordis in-to þis maner:—

Afore 3ow, my lorde Juge, I, frere Roger Waldis, procuratour
 12 of pabbot and couent of Oseney, þe church of Cudelynton holdyng in full ryghit and of þe same church persons, in þe name of my lordis, say and purpose agaynst Robert Synat, Thomas yenge, and Moolde, relicte of Raph ffrensh of Thrope
 16 sumtyme parissheñ of þe saide church of Cudelynton, executours of þe testament of þe saide Raph dede, þat where, of goode and preysable custom in parishe of þe saide church, hooly obserued fro þe tyme of þe which is no mynde, Hit is i-goote² that for
 20 men dying in þe same parishe his secunde best beest (be hit horse or b[e]est of oony oþer maner kynde) þat he hath gete in þe daye of his dethe hit be i-payde to þe saide church and to my lordis In þe name of a Mortuarye. Now þe saide execu-
 24 tours, þe saide custom forsakyng, for þe forsaide Raph of thrope, of þe saide church parissheñ, in³ þe same church parishe deyng, þe secund best Beest that in þe tyme or his deth he had In þe name of a mortuary to graunte þe[y] agaynesay vnryghfully.
 28 Wherefore, In þe name of my lordys, I axe þe saide Executours to þe forsaide best (of what-so-Euer kynde þe Beeste be) to þe saide church of Cudelynton and to my lordis aforsaide, after þe forsaide custom, in þe name of A mortuarye to be i-grauntid;
 32 sentencially and diffinityfly to be condempned, and þe same Executours, so i-condempned to þe saide best In þe name of a mor*tuarye grauntyng, by þe censure of þe church, to be i-compellid.

36 To þe which sothly⁴ entente þe forsaide Executours stryffe, saying thynges i-tolde in þe saide Entencion, as they ben i-

claimed from the executors of Ralph Frensh, of Thrupp,

in Kidlington parish, according to the ancient custom, his second best beast, as due to the church as a 'mortuary.'

* leaf 23, back.

The executors refused, and

¹ 'reos.'

² 'sit optentum.'

³ 'in eiusdem ecclesie parochia.'

⁴ 'quidem.'

pleaded
that horses
at least
were not
included in
the custom.

tolde, not to be true, and perfore thynges i-axid, as þei ben i-axid to be doo, not to be dewe; To¹ here also deliueying castyng to, þe fore custoim not of horsis but of oþer bestis i-observed and i-obteyned. and þe parties here and þere of þe⁴ trowth to be saide i-swore, þe saide Executours, i-swere, denyed, as þey dyde afore.

Evidence
being
taken,

Wherefore þe saide partie doer, to þe forsaide here Entent to be i-grauntid, fowre wisse Browght forth, that is to say, 8 William, person of þe church of Wyuelcote; Roger, Vica^r of Cudelynton; Thomas, decune² of þe same; and William of Hampton: þe which i-receyued, i-swore, i-examined, and þere wordes or sayinges (of þe consent of [the] parties) [published³, 12 and altercation about them having been had between the parties];

verdict was
given that
the church
was en-
titled to
the second
best beast
of deceased,
whether
horse or
other.

of þe same parties consent, in þe³ saide cawse concludyng, to þe diffinityffe sentence we haue i-procedid in-to this maner:— 16 In *Dei nomine amen*. We, officiall of my lorde Archedecun of oxonforde, i-herde and i-vndurstande þe⁴ meritis of þe saide cawse, for⁴ [that⁵ the above-writ intention of the said abbot and convent of Oseneye and of their above-named procurator] 20 of⁵ þe saide witnessis deposicions fully i-preued we haue i-founde, and i-groundid, þe saide executours to þe saide beest, be hit horse or of oony oþer kynde beest, of þe saide Raph dede þat in þe tyme of his deth he had, for þe same Raph, of þe saide 24 church parissheñ, and in þe same church parisshe dede, to þe saide church of Cudelynton, to þe forsaide religiouse meñ, and to þere procuratour in there name, after þe forsaide custoim, in þe name of mortuarye to be i-zeve, sentencially and diffinitiffly 28 in writyng we condempne; and þe same, so i-condempned to þe saide beeste zevyng In þe name of a mortuary, by þe Vica^r of Cudelynton by all church censure to be i-compellid pronuncyng⁶, This⁷ sentence executyng to þe same Vicarye committyng⁸, 32 agaynesayers and rebellis (if⁹ oony) to þe same Vicarye com-

This verdict
to be en-
forced by
church
censure,
against the

¹ 'ad sui quoque deliberationem adii-
cientes, predictam consuetudinem non
[esse]. . . optentam.'

² 'diaconum.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ 'quia.'

⁵ 'predictorum testium depositiones plene
probatam esse comperimus, et fundatam.'

⁶ 'pronunciantes.'

⁷ 'istius sentencie executionem.'

⁸ 'committendo,' instead of 'commit-
tentes.'

⁹ The bracketed clause is strangely dis-
joined by the intrusion of interpolated
words, by an erroneous repetition. The
Latin is: 'si quos inuenerit.'

mittynge (he fynde) with like censure to be restreyned by þe same Vicar napeles by this present writyng to þe same chargyng¹. In-to þe witnesse of þe which writyng þe seele of þe officiall-
 4 hoode² of oxonforde to this present writyng we willid to be i-put to : þe date, in þe place day and yere afore i-notid.

executors
and their
supporters.

[98.] A sentence diffinitiffe vppon þe smale tithis of 1277,
 Cudelynton. May 24.

THESE thynges were i-doo In þe church of Erdynton, In þe moneday next afore þe fest of Seynte Austen, þe yere of our
 8 lorde anno M^cCClxxvij., afore vs, þe officiall of my lorde Archedecon of oxonforde, by auctorite ordinarye knowyng, in cawsis the³ were i-stered bitwene thabbot and Couent of Oseney, the parisshe of Cudelinton in-to pere owne vses obteynnyng and of
 12 þe same church persons, actors, by Robert Kenyworth⁴ (clerk, here procuratour lawfully i-sette or ordeyned) comperying, vppon þe oon partie, and Henrye of þe chamber, þe⁵ of þe saide church of Cudelynton parisshe, gilty, by Wymunde (procuratour of þe
 16 same lawfully i-ordeyned) comperying, of þe oper partie, þe.

Oseney, as
rector of
Kidling-
ton,

claimed
from the
parish-
ioners

Afore⁶ yow my lorde Jugge, þe Agaynste þe saide procuratoure and parysshyns for tithis of þe gardeynes comyng forth and⁷ of all frutes and of mylke of þe kyne fro þe tyme of þe
 20 wenyng of þe calues and [of their ewes fro þe time] of departyng of lombes, al so longe as mylke dureth. þe saide procuratour of thabbot afore-saide, þe after þe forme of lawe i-declarið, þe.

small
tithes, i. e.
of fruits
of gardens,
and of milk.

To þe sentence diffinitiffe we haue i-procedid In-to this
 24 maner * In dei nomine Amen : ffor-asmuche we officiall afore-saide, þe we haue i-founde, þe saide Henry and all and euerych oper afore i-write, and þe saide Wymund procuratour of þe same, to þe tithe of all frutes of here gardeynes within þe

* leaf 24.

¹ 'eidem demandando,' instead of 'mandantes.'

² 'officialitatis.'

³ 'in causis que coram nobis.' Read probably 'the which': but the definite article is found used as relative, as in German *der*.

⁴ 'de Kenelingwrth.'

⁵ The Latin gives seven other names, among them 'Nicholaum piscatorem.'

⁶ Summary of the claim by the procurator for Oseney.

⁷ Omit 'and,' which has no place in the Latin. The claim was for tithe (a) 'fructuum ortorum,' (b) 'lactis, a vaccis suis a tempore ablactationis vitulorum, et ab ovibus a tempore separationis agnorum, provenientis.' Ewe-milk was therefore taken, and tithe-able.

Verdict in
favour of
Oseney,

with
arrears
accruing
since last
payment.

Verdict to
be enforced
by church
censure.

About
1280.

Grant to
Oseney, by
Hugh of
Plessets,

of 5s. rent-
charge in
Kidlington,
issuing out
of Walter
of Crox-
ford's
lands, for
pittances,

parisshe i-sett comyng forthe ¹ and to þe tithe of mylke of bestis within þe saide parisshe after ² of þe same to be take, to þe forsaide church of Cudelynton, and to þe religiouse men þe same church in-to þere owne visis hauyng, and to þere pro-⁴ curatour in þere name, hereafter, from tyme of þe wenyng (to ³ be paide to-gedur) of caluys and departyng of lambys, al so longe as þe same Milke shafl dure, fully, hooly, and withoute all lessenyng to be payde, to-gedur with arerages fro þat tyme ⁸ that they paide last moneye In þe name of þe tithe of þe mylke aforsaide, sentencially and diffinityfly in this writyng we condempne; and þat þe same tithe, also ⁴ with arerages, to þe myndid religiouse men and to þe forsaide church, as hit Is i-¹² saide [before ⁵, they pay, we order, decreeing all and sundry above-written], after thre monicions or warnynges (by þe vicare of Cudelynton or ⁶ his stedys beryng to þem to be ⁷ paide), at ⁸ þe paying of þe saide tithis and of Arerages aforesaide, as hit is i-saide afore, (to ⁹ be i-payde), by all maner censure of þe church to be i-compellid. Date and actid þe day and þe 3ere abovesaide.

[99.] A charter of Sir Hugh plesettis of v. ð. 3erely In Cudelinton.

KNOWE all men þat I, Hugh plesettis, haue i-3efe, grauntid, ²⁰ and with my present charter conformed, to William ¹⁰ Abbot of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, in-to pure and perpetuell almes, for þe helth of my Sowle and of my Aunceturs and successours, v. ð. 3erely for Euer to be take of þe tenauntes ²⁴ þe which Water Croxford helde of me In Cudelynton, by þe handis of þe same Water and of all these tenementes after heldyng, þat is to say, [at ¹¹ the feast of St. John Baptist, ix. d., at the feast of St. Michael, xxi. d., at the feast of St. Thomas ²⁸

¹ 'provenientium,' in agreement with 'fructuum.'

² 'imposterum ab eisdem percipiendi': i. e. 'percipiendi,' in agreement with 'lactis'; 'ab eisdem' = by Oseney.

³ Omit the bracketed words, brought in, without meaning, from below.

⁴ 'una cum.'

⁵ Inserted from the Latin.

⁶ 'vel eius vices gerentem.'

⁷ Read 'to be made,' i. e. 'monicionem.'

⁸ 'ad solucionem.'

⁹ Superfluous: not in the Latin.

¹⁰ William of Sutton, abbot 1268-84.

¹¹ Inserted from the Latin. The donor no doubt bargained for commemoration in the conventual prayers on these five festivals. The payments would provide a 'pittance' on these days.

Apostle, ix. d.] at þe ffest of þe Annunciacion of owre lady ix. d., and at Estur xij. d. I haue i-grauntid also, for me and my heyres, þat þe forsaide Abbot and Chanons maye distreyne þe
 4 forsaide Water þorowgh all þe forsaide tenementys, In all maner of Distreynyng, to pay to þem fully þe forsaide yerely rente, if at þe for-namyd termes þey fayle, Sāuyng to me and to my heyres all maner oper thynges, seruices, and customs, þe
 8 which of þe saide tenementes been dewe. And I þe forsaide Hugh, and my heyres, to þe forsaide Abbot and chanons þe forsaide yerely rente of v. s. as fre and perpetuell almes agaynste all pepull shalle warantyze, aquite, and defende for euer. In-to
 12 witnesse of þe which thyng þis present wrytyng with my seelys pryntyng I haue i-strengthid hit. These witnesses, 1.

with powers of distraint,

but reserving to the manor all other feudal superiorities.

[100.] An obligacion of Water Croxforde of þe Same About
 v. s. 1280.

KNOWE all men þat I, Water Croxforde, haue i-grauntid, for me and my heyres for euer, to paye to Willyam Abbot of Oseney
 16 and to þe Couent þer seruyng god, v. s. yerely at þe termes in þe charter þe which þey haue of Sir Hugh plesettis of þe forsaide rent contente. And þe forsaide Abbot and chanons may distreyne me and my heyres In all maner of distreynyng
 20 þorowgh Alle londes and tenementes the * which I holde in Cudelynton, and¹ all þe saide londes and holdyng þe tenementes, to² be i-paide to þe forsaide Abbot and chanons þe forsaide yerely rente, at þe termes i-sett, If we fayle (þat god forbede).
 24 In-to witnesse of þe which thyng, this present wrytyng with my seeles Empryntyng I haue i-strengthid hit. These witnessis, 1.

Acknowledgement to Oseney, by Walter of Croxford, of obligation to pay the quit-rent, as in no. 99.
 * leaf 24, back.

[101.] A composicion Bitwene vs and Sir Hugh plesettis About
 of chauntery chapeil of Cudelynton and oper thynges. 1280.

In dei nomine Amen. A thyng i-sprunge late, Bitwene religiose men William Abbot and Couent of þe Monastery of
 28 Oseneye of the oone partie, and a worthy man Sir Hugh plesettis of þe oper, vppon a chapeil of þe forsaide Sir Hugh

Oseney, as rector of Kidlington, granted Hugh of Plessets

¹ Read 'and all (omnes) the said lands and tenements holding (tenentes),' i.e. who hold.

² 'ad solvendum . . . redditum.'

a private
chapel.

plesettis in his courte at Cudelynton i-sett, a¹ chauntery, with
þe libertee of þe same chapeñ and oper thynges þe mater of þe
questionð towchyng: þe striffe bitwene them restid with a
ffrendely composicion vndur this forme, that is to say, þat the
fosraide abbot and Couent, hauyng þe parisshe church of Cude-
lynton vn-to þere owne vses. This composicion is all i-write
In þe titte of 'Hedynton.'

About
1230.

[102.] A charter of Henry Doylly of a 3erde-londe In
Cudelinton and rent of þe Mille and other thynges.

Grant to
Oseney,
by Henry
Doyly II,

of rent-
charges to
value of £5;
made up of,
in *Kidling-
ton*, £3 out
of the mill
(with sur-
render of
other
feudal
rights in
said mill),
the quit-
rents
[18s. 8d.]
out of a
yardland,
messuage,
and croft;
and, in
Hooknorton,
13s. 4d. out
of three
yardlands,
and 8s. out
of half a
hide,

KNOWE they þat be present and to be þat I, Henry Doylly, 8
3afe and grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to
god and to þe church of Seynte marye of Oseney and to þe
chanons þere seruyng god, for my helth and of myne, both pre-
decessours [and² successours], and specially for þe Sowle of 12
Sibiff my wiffe and of moolde my dow3tter, a hundred shelyng-
worth of Rente 3erely, for þe which I haue³ a-tourned to þem
lx. s. þe which I was i-woned to take 3erly of my Mitte of
Cudelynton, and homage and seruice of Helie mylleñ and of his 16
heyres, and what-so-Euer thyng in þe forsaide mylle fully⁴
and better I Euer had, with his pertinences, (or⁵ my3ght haue),
without Eny withholdyng. I haue i-3eve also and haue i-
grauntid in þe same my maner, in-to ffree pure and perpetueñ 20
almes, j. 3erde of londe, þat is to say, þat⁶ helde Raph Reuelyng,
with a mese and crofte and all his oper pertinences, withinne
þe towne and without þe towne, withoute oony withholdyng.
ffurþermore I haue i-3eve and haue i-grauntid to þe nowe saide 24
chanons In my maner of Hokenorton j. marke of Silueñ, þe
which was i-woned to paye to me Raph Bernarde Euery 3ere
for thre 3erdes of londe, with his pertinences, þe which he helde
of me in þe same towne. I 3afe also to þem viij. s. of Ster- 28
lynges, þe which I was i-woned to⁷ take 3erely of Roger
Olicerante⁸ for dñ. an hide of londe, þe which he had with
moolde his wife þe dow3ghter of philippe clerke, and of me

¹ Governed by 'vppon,' mentally re-
peated.

² Added from the Latin.

³ 'attornavi eis.'

⁴ 'plenius et melius.'

⁵ The broken order in this instance is
copied from the Latin.

⁶ 'illam scilicet quam tenuit Radulphus.'

⁷ MS. 'to to take.'

⁸ 'Olicerance.'

helde in þe same maner, with homage and *seruices* of þe saide Robert Bernarde and of Roger Olicrante and of here heyres, and what-so-Euer thyng [in] nowe þe saide¹ londes I had or
 4 myȝht haue, withoute oony withholdyng. I have also [given] to þe fornamed chanons In my maner of Hokenortoñ oon mede that Is i-called Cuham, In-to pure and perpetueñ almes, and all thyng þat I had In þe for*saide mede or myȝht haue,
 8 withoute oony reteynyng. ffor this cawse, I wille ande Surely ordeyne, for me and my heyres, þat [þe² forsaide Chanons all] þe forsaide thynges haue and holde for Euer, weñ pesible and worschipfully, with all liberteis and his fre customs, in-to ffre
 12 and perpetueñ almes, as oony almes better³ and frely myȝht be i-geve of cony or to be holde. I also Henry Doyly, and my heyres, all þe fornamyd thynges with here pertinences to þe saide chanonñ agaynste all pepuñ shalle warantize and aquite: and
 16 that this my ȝifte, graunte, and warantizyng, and aquite, be sure and stabuñ for Euer, hit with my present seeles puttyng to have I strenghtid. These witnesses. P.

with sur-
render of
feudal
rights over
the said
lands.
Grant
also of a
meadow
in Hook-
norton.
* leaf 25.

[103.] A charter of Warine ffight Helie of þe Mille of
Cudelintoñ.

About
1238.

Know þey that ben now and to be þat I, Waryne ffigt Helie
 20 myller⁴ of Cudelintoñ, have i-geve and grauntid, deliuered and
quyte-claymed, and confermed with my charter, for me and my
heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of
Oseneye and to þe chanonñ In hit *seruyng* god, all my mylle of
 24 Cudelyntoñ, with þe pertinences, þat I helde of þe chanonñ,
payng to þem þerof yerely lx. s., and⁵ all þat moolde þe relicte
of my fadur þe thridde parte of þe same Mille for heñ dowry
al so longe as she leueth, payng þerof ȝerely to þe same chanons
 28 þe thridde parte of þe forsaide lx. s., that is to say, xx. s., for
þe forsaide thridde parte of þe forsaide mylle while she leueth,
þe which also þe forsaide thridde parte after þe decese of þe
forsaide moolde all shañ abide in-to þe handes of þe forsaide
 32 chanons, and þenne þey shañ haue all þe forsaide mylle, with

Sale to
Oseney, by
Warin the
miller,

of all his
interest in
the mill (as
in no. 102),
with the
reversion
of his
mother's
jointure-
share.

¹ 'iam-dictis.'

² Added from the Latin.

³ 'melius et liberius.' Obviously, the
writer did not care to form by inflection a

comparative for words like 'freely.'

⁴ 'molendinarij.'

⁵ Read 'saving to Moolde.'

añ his *pertinences*, hooly, to be holde and to be had and ¹ to þe same, weñ and In pece, frely and quietly fro añ *seculer service* exaccion and demaunde, withoute reclaymyng of me and of my heyres for Euer. And I Waryne and my heyres añ þe forsaide ⁴ thynges to þe saide church and chanons shañ warantize agaynste añ for Euer. And for this gifte, graunte, deliveryng, quite-claymyng, and confermyng, þe saide chanons for-zafe to me ix. marke of siluer, þe which I owyd to þem. In-to witte- ⁸ nesse of þe which þyng to this present writyng my seele I haue i-put to: þese witnesses ², &c³.

Purchase
money, £6.

About
1280.

[104.] A charter of petur Meles of þe Mese Eueñ
agaynste þe Mitte.

Grant to
Oseney, by
Peter of
Mules,
of a messu-
age,

KNOWE þey þat be present and to be that I, petur of Meles, zafe grauntid and quyte-claymed, and with this my present ¹² charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Seynte marye of Oseney and to þe chanons in hit *seruyng* god, that Mese, with þe Curtilage or gærdeñ and añ his *oper pertinences*, þat I had in þe towñ of Cudelyntoñ, þe which truly mese is i-sett eueñ ¹⁶ agaynste þe mylle of þe same Abbot and Couent in þe same towne of þe sowth partie by þe water: to be holde and i-had, to þe church and chanons, of me and of my heyres, In-to fire pure and perpetueñ almes, zeldyng þerof to þe church of Cude- ²⁰ lyntoñ viij. d. to þe susteynyng of ooñ lampe, afore þe crucifixe In þe same church, for þe sowles of Sir Henry Doylly and of añ sowles, as þe same tenement of oolde was i-wonyd to paye, for añ thyng þe which, of þe lond and for þe lond, may, or ²⁴ shañ mowe, to be *axid for Euer. And I petur and my heyres þe forsaide Mese, with añ his *pertinences*, to þe church and chanons agaynste añ cristen meñ and Juys shañ warantize aquite and defende for Euer. And that this my gifte be rate ²⁸ and stable for Euer, to þis writyng my seele haue I put to. These witnesses, &c³.

subject to
8d. yearly
to maintain
a lamp in
the church.

* leaf 25,
back.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

About
1280.

[105.] A confirmacion of Sir Hugh plesettis of þe same.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,

KNOWE añ meñ þat I, Hugh of plesettis, haue i-grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to god and to þe church ³²

¹ Omit 'and.'

² One was John of Tew, sheriff of Oxfordshire 1236-9.

of Seynte marye of Osneye and to Sir William, Abbot, and to þe chanon̄s in hit *seruyng* god, þe ȝifte þe which petur of Meles made to þem̄ of oone mese *with* þe *pertinences* In Cudelynton̄.

4 And I graunte, for me and my heyres, þat þey haue and holde hit, in-to pure and *perpetuefl* almes, al so much as to me and my heyres *perteyneth* for Euer, Sauyng napeles viij. d. to þe church of Cudelynton̄ to þe sustenyng of oone lampe afore þe crucifixe

8 for þe sowles of Henry Doylly and of my aunceturs and of my successours. In-to witnesse of þe which thyng.

by Hugh of Plessets, of no. 104,

subject to the charge for the lamp.

[106.] **A charter bitwene vs and Water Croxforde of þe londe of ffrees.**

About 1260.

KNOWE all men̄ that In this wise hit was a-cordid Bitwene Richard, Abbot of Oseney, and þe Couent of þe same place, of þe

12 oone partie, and Water Croxforde, of þe other partie, that is to say, þat þe saide Abbot and Couent lete and toke to þe forsaide and to his heyres a crofte or þat telth þe which is Euen̄ agaynste þe chapell of þe ffrees of þe west side, with dichis,

16 medis, and *oper* *pertinences* : to be i-holde and i-had to þe forsaide and to his heyres to *perpetuefl* ferme, payng þerof ȝerely to þe saide Abbot and Couent dȝ. marke at Osneye, that is to say, in þe daye of Seynte Mighell or a-fore xl. d. and In þe day of þe

20 Anunciacion of seynte marye or a-fore xl. d. : and þe forsaide Water and his heyres all burdons of þe same crofte or telth towchyng, with *per* costis, shall susteyne and aquite. And hit shall not be lawfull to þe saide Water and to his heyres the

24 saide crofte or telth to oony man̄ to sell ȝeue or bequeth or in oony maner to aliene. And if he doo or his heyris doo, hit shall be lawfull to þe forsaide Abbot and to his successours þe saide crofte or telth to Entre and for Euer to haue, withoute

28 lettyng of þe saide Water or of his heyris. And þat this lettyng and of *perpetuefl* ferme takyng be sure and stable for Euer, þe parties to this writyng In-to þe maner of a charter i-made, euerych to *oper*, heȝ seeles haue putte. These wit-

32 nesses, &c^o.

Grant by Oseney, to Walter of Croxford, of the Frees.

[Duplicate of no. 82.]

1217. [107.] Letters¹ of *Walter Archiebisshope* of *Yorke* and co-executours of þe same of þe 3ifte of *John* bisshop of *Norwich* of þe woode of *Coggese* and of the church of *Swerforde* with þe *Chapeil* of *Sevewell*.

Convey-
ance to
Oseney, by
the execu-
tors of
bp. John
de Grey,
* leaf 26.

of Cogges
wood,
of Swerford
church,
and of
Showell
chapel.
[No. 270 is a
duplicate.]

To all þe Soones of owr holy modur þe church to whome þese present letters shall come, *Walter*, By þe grace of god *Archiebisshop* of *zorke*², a primat of *Ingelonde*, and master *Ralph* of *Warham*³, officiall of *Norwich*, and mayster *R.*,⁴ *Archede*con* of *yippeswike*, helth in owr lorde. Knowe 3e all *John Gray*, of goode Mynde, sumtyme Bisshop of *Northwich*, a woode þe which is i-callid *Goggeswode*⁴ to þe towne of *Cudelinto* sumtyme perteynyng, and þe church of *Swerforde*, with 8 þe chapeil of *Seuewell*⁵, and his pertinences, þe which þe forsaide Bisshop of þe yifte of *Sir Henry Doylly* gate, to þe church of *Seynte Marye* of *Osney* and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for þe helth of his sowle, In his laste will to haue i-lefte. 12 We truly, sith In þe forsaide Bisshoppis testament executours [we] were i-3eve, to þe same chanons þe forsaide woode and þe saide church with þe chapeil and pertinences, after that þe Office of owr execucion axid, haue assined. But [lest] þat 16 þe trowth of this thyng by succession of tyme my3ht be in-to dowte i-callid, we of⁶ þe aforethynges assinyng to þe afore-saide chanons of vs i-maade In⁷ writyng haue i-maade hit, þe which þe puttyng-to of owr seeles haue i-thow3ght worpy to strenght, 20

About
1217.

- [108.] A confirmacion of *Henry Doylly* of þe same woode.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by *Henry Doyly II*,
as feudal
superior,
of Cogges
wood,

KNOWE tho þat be present and to be that I, *Henry Doylly*, of owr lorde *Kyng* constable, haue i-grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of *Seynte marie* of *Osney* and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, in-to 24 pure and perpetuefl almes, all þe woode of *Cudelynto*⁸ þe which Is i-callid *Coggeswode*⁸ with his pertinences, withoute

¹ Marginal note:—'Nota.'

² *Walter de Grey*, archbishop of *York* 1216-55, was nephew to *John de Grey*, bishop of *Norwich* 1200-14.

³ *Ralph of Warham*, elected bishop of *Chichester*, Dec. 1217.

⁴ The spelling '*Goggeswode*' is an alternative to '*Coggeswode*.'

⁵ *Showell*, in *Swerford* parish.

⁶ '*predictorum assignationem*.'

⁷ '*in scripturam redeginus*.'

⁸ Names noted in margin.

oony withholdyng, [þe which] þe same chanons hauē of þe
 yifte of Sir or lorde John Gray, Bisshope sumtyme of Norwhich, as in
 þe which also woode I Henry Doylly 3afe and with my charter no. 107,
 4 confermed to lorde John Bisshop of Norwhich. Wherefore I
 wille þat þe forsaide chanons þe forsaide woode holde and haue
 for Euer with all pertinences, in-to ffre pure and perpetuell
 almes, quite fro all seculer service þat to me or my heyres
 8 perteyneth. And be hit lawfull to þe forsaide chanons of with power
 Oseney to þe forsaide woode to Copice¹, to 3eue, or to sell to to disforest
 whome-so-Euer þey wille or to religious men or to oper. And it or sell it.
 I, Henry Doylly, and my heyres, þe forsaide woode to þe
 12 fornamyd chanons or to whome-so-Euer þey will assine hit
 agaynste all men for Euer schall warantize. And that this my [No. 271 is a
 graunte and confirmacion bide sure and stable for Euer, hit duplicate.]
 whitth my present writyng with my seeles puttyng-to haue
 16 i-strenghtid hit: þese witnesses.

[109.] A charter of Adam ffit Thomas of Cudelynton About
 of londes In þe Same and In Shipton. 1280.

KNOWE þey that be present and to Be that I, Adam ffit Grant to
 Thomas of Cudelynton, 3afe, grauntid, and with my present Oseney, by
 charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marie of Adam, son
 20 Oseney and to frere William² Abbot and to þe chanons þere of Thomas,
 seruyng god, ij. acres of Arable londe In þe territorye or in Kidling-
 grownde of Cudelynton, þe which I had of þe 3ifte and graunte ton,
 of William of Wotton, for j. ob. to þe same and to his heyres for of 2 acres,
 24 all thynges at þe ffest of Seynte Mygheff 3erely to be i-paide. subject to
 Item, I 3afe and grauntid j. acre of Arable londe, þe which I ½ d. quit-
 had of þe yifte and graunte of William of Cutlynton, for j. rent;
 roote of gooyng³ to þe same and to his heyres for all thynges at 1 acre, sub-
 Item, I 3afe and grauntid j. acre of Arable londe, þe which I ject to quit-
 28 Estur 3erely to be i-paide; And j. dñ. acre of Arable londe and rent of a
 dñ. an acre of mede, þe which I had of þe 3ifte and graunte of root of
 William ffit petur of Dunyton, * for j. ob. to þe same and to ginger;
 his heyris for all thynges at þe ffest of Seynte Mizgheff 3erely ½ acre
 32 to be i-paide. Item, I 3afe and grauntid to þe saide church arable and
 * leaf 26,
 back.
 meadow,
 subject to
 ½ d. quit-
 rent;

¹ 'assartare.'

³ Read 'ginger': 'pro una radice gingi-beri.'

² Probably William of Sutton, abbot
 1268-84.

and in
Shipton of
[a quarter-
yardland,
i. e.] a mes-
suage,
6 acres
arable,
 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre
meadow,
subject to
 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. quit-
rent.

abbot and chanons j. mese, vj. acris of Arable londe, and dñ. one acre of mede with þe pertinences in þe towne and ffelde of Shipton¹, þe which I had of þe yifte and grauntyng of William Toky, for j. ferthyng to þe same and to his heyres at þe fest of 4 Seynte Miȝheñ ȝerely to be i-payde, for all seculer seruices, Sutes, wardis, relefs, heriettes, and for all other thynges þe which of þe londe or for þe londe may be axid for euer: to be holde and to be had, to þe saide church abbot and chanon² and 8 to þere successours, in-to ffree pure and perpetueñ almes, al so much as to me and my heyres perteyneth, payng þerof to þe chefe lordis seruices afore-i-write. And þat þis my ȝifte, graunte, and confirmacion be sure and stable for Euer, to this writyng 12 my seele I haue put to, and to more Surete of þe þyng, all Instrumentes and munimentes to þe saide londis and tenementes þat I haue, afore worpy meñ I haue deliuered [to² the said abbot and conuent]. These witnesses. 16

About
1280?

[110.] A quite-clayme of Water fñȝt John of Thrope of
j. ii. of Comyñ.

Grant to
Oseney, by
Walter son
of John of
Thrupp,
of a quit-
rent of 1 lb.
of cummin,
due by land
assigned
to maintain
a lamp in
Kidlington
church.

KNOWE þey that be present and to be that I, Water fñȝt John of thrope, ȝafe and quite-claymed, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for þe helth of my Sowle, j. ii. of Comyñ, In-to ffree pure and 20 perpetueñ almes, al so much³ as to me [longeth], þe which the same chanon² oftid to me yerely at þe ffest of Seynte Miȝheñ for ij. acris of arable londe In stotfolde and j. acre of Mede In Cannham, the which (þat is to say) iij. acris Robert Clerke of 24 Cudelyntoñ ȝafe to þe church of Cudelyntoñ to j. lampe to be susteyned In þe same church. And þat þis my ȝifte and quite-clayme be sure and stable for Euer, hit with my writyng and of my seele puttyng to haue I strengthid hit. These witnesses. 28

About
1280.

[111.] A charter of John fñȝt John philippe of vj. acris
of Arable londe and of oþer thynges.

Grant to
Oseney, by
John son of
John son of

KNOWE þey that be present and to be þat [I], John fñȝt John philippe of Cotes, ȝafe, grauntid, and with my present charter conferred, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Osney

¹ Name noted in margin.
² Inserted from the Latin.
³ This clause is not represented in the Latin.

- and William, Abbot, and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, vj. Philip of Cotes, of the 6 acres arable of a quarter-yardland, described by strips.
- acris of Arable londe In þe ffeldes of Cudelynton̄, with all oper pertinences, þe which I had of þe ȝifte of my ffadur̄, of the 4 [which] j. acre and dȝ. and j. Rodde lyeñ in Stodfolde by þe commune pasture of Cudelynton̄ with þe Dicke lying aboute, and iij. Roddis lyeñ In þe telth þe which Is i-callid Schelde, and j. dȝ. hede acre In schalt eueñ, and iij. Roddys In þe same 8 telth, and iij. Roddys lyeñ In Medelforlong, and j. dȝ. acre In Hanginde londe, and j. acre vppoñ vourtene acris By þe wey : to be holde and to be had, to þe saide church and chanon̄s, In-to pure and perpetueñ almes, of me and my heyres for Euer. And 12 I John and my heyris þe saide vj. acris of londe, with all þere pertinences, to þe forsaide church and chanons agaynste all cristen̄ meñ and Juys schall warantize, aquite, and defende, as owre ffre pure and perpetueñ alm̄ys : and þat my ȝifte &c^o. [Warranty against Jews.]

[112.] * A confirmacion of John philippe þe ffadur̄ of þe saide John of þe forsaide ȝifte.

* leaf 27. About 1280.

- 16 KNOWE all meñ þat I, John þe soone of philippe of Cudel-lynton̄, grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þer seruyng god, þe yifte þat John my sone made to 20 them of vj. acres of arable londe and of a dicke [and other pertinences] in þe feldes of Cudelynton̄, In-to ffre pure and perpetueñ almes, as þe charter of þe same John þe which he made to þeñ of þe ffeffement fully witnesseth. And I John and my 24 heyres and myne assines þe saide vj. acris with þe Dicke and oper pertinences to þe forsaide church and chanon̄s agaynste all cristen̄ meñ and Juys schall warantize, aquite, and defende, as ffre pure and perpetueñ almes. And þat this my graunte, ꝑ. [Warranty against Jews.]

[113.] A charter of William off Hampton of a Hamme i-callid Stoniham.

About 1290 ?

- 28 KNOWE thoo þat be present and to be þat I, William of Hampton¹, for þe helth of my sowle and of my wiffe aliz and of my aunceturs, ȝafe and grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of þe blessed virgeñ marye Grant to Oseney, by William of Hampton,

¹ Hampton Gay or Hampton Poyle.

of a
meadow-
patch.

of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, þat hamme, with all his pertinen^{ces}, þe which lieth bitwene þe hamme þe which was sumtyme of Helie Clerke of Cudelynton̄ and þe mede þat is i-callid Bradeham, In-to ffree pure and perpetuell⁴ almes, as oony londe better¹ and freliyst maye be i-zeve: to be had and to be holde, to þe same church and chanon̄s þere seruyng god, of me and^r of my heyres, frely and quietly, weſſ and^r In pece, withoute oony quarell and Demaunde and^r seculer⁸ exaccion̄. And I þe forsaide William and^r my heyres shaſſ warantize, aquite, and^r defende þe forsaide hamme, with all his pertinen^{ces}, for Euer to þe forsaide church & to þe saide chanons agaynste all meñ and women̄. And þat this my 3ifte, ¹² i.

About
1220?

[114.] A charter off Henry Doylly off þe ffishyng of Cudelinton̄.

Sale to Eli
miller,
by Henry
Doyly (? II),
of fishing-
rights in
the mill-
ponds and
mill-
streams of
Kidlington,
quit-rent to
be half the
fish taken.
Purchase-
money,
13s. 4d.

Know tho that be present and to be þat I, Henry Doylly², my lorde the Kynges constable, toke and^r grauntid, and^r with my present charter confermed, to Helie Miller and to his heyres and³ my ffishyng of Cudelinton̄, withoute oony [retaining], 16 vndur⁴ þe Mille and Bi the Mille, with [the] excluse of þe Mille and with þe ponde and with all thinges to þe ffishyng perteynyng, In-to ffee-ferme to ffishhe to⁵ halfe: to be had and^r to be holde, to þe fforsaide Helie and to his heyres, frely and^r 20 quietly, of me and myne heyres, by seruice off ffishyng to halfe⁶. And for this graunte, takyng, and confermyng, þe forsaide Helie 3afe to me j. marke of siluer, ^{i.}

[XVIII. GOSFORD.]

123¹/₂,
March 19.

[115.] A composicion⁷ Bitwene vs and þe Hospitalariys of þe chapel̄ of Goseforde.

In spite of
opposition
by Oseney,

THE prior and Supprior of Dunstable, by þe Commaundement²⁴ of pope gregorye⁸, after Diuerse altercacions i-made bitwene þe

¹ 'melius et liberius.'
² If it were Henry Doyly I, then the date is 'About 1160?'
³ 'and' in MS., by a slip for 'all.'
⁴ 'sub molendino et subtus [? lower down than] molendinum.'
⁵ 'ad piscandum ad medietatem.'
⁶ 'per seruium piscandi ad medietatem.'

⁷ A translation of the deed, made from the Latin of the Oseney cartulary at Christ Church, is printed in Stapleton's *Three Oxfordshire Parishes* (1893), p. 360: but the technical term *trentale* is mis-read.
⁸ Commission dated at Spoleto, July 14, 1232.

parties þ̄ þe strife bitwene them this frendely Ende restid, that is to say, that þe saide Hospitalarijs haue þe saide oratorye of Goseforde, after þe tenour of þere priuileges to
 4 þeim i-zeve of þe pope, and þe procuratour of þe same Hospitalarijs, to¹ þat specially i-zeve In Jugement; in the name of þe Hospitalarijs with goode feith promised noþer the
 8 Hospitalar² noþer the seculer Chaplen parissheens of þe modur church to Diuine shall admitte In the same, noþer also Annale or trentale or oony other thyng that to þe
 12 modur church is dewe, * by the Occasion of the saide oratorie, In-to preiudice or harme of the modur church, shall receyue or make; also þe saide procuratour promised, In the name of his lordis In Juggement, that his lordis þe
 16 saide thynges shall kepe and of there Sugetes make hit to be i-keped: þat same, if hit happe to þe saide Hospitalarijs in oþer parisshis of þe saide chanonns oratorijs to make, fully In goode ffeith hit shall be keped. We theñ, louers of pece, this composicion approuyng, with owr seles puttyng-to couferme hit, þ̄

as rector of Kidlington, the Knights Hospitallers, by papal privilege, were allowed a chapel in their house at Gosford, but on condition of excluding ordinary parishioners, and of refusing fees for saying * leaf 27, back. yearly or monthly intercessory masses for souls of persons deceased. Same terms to apply, if needed, in other Oseney parishes.

[XIX. HENSINGTON.]

[116.] The Booke of þe ffeis seith þat þabbot of Oseney holdeþ In Hensinton dñ. an hide londe in
 fire almes & 3eueth none scuage. Note about land in Hensington.

[NOTE.—Hensington is a hamlet in Bladon parish. The translator, at this point, falls into extraordinary and unexplained errors. Not only does he bring into the text (as is usual with him) what is the marginal introduction (no. 116) in the Latin copy, but he places it after the rubric of no. 117, and suddenly in the middle of no. 117 leaves the deed he is translating and goes on with the second half of the next. The error is the stranger because the names and property have little in common.]

[117.] A charter of þe Kyng bitwene Eustach m̄jt Raph
 and deenys Scorchebefe.³ 1218,
Dec. 14.

20 THIS⁴ Is the ffinall acorde i-made In þe Courte of owr lorde⁵ Suit by
 Kyng at Oxonforde, In the 3ere of þe reyne of Kyng Henry the which

¹ i. e. appointed to represent them in this suit.

² 'nec hospitalarius nec canonicus secularis.'

³ In the MS. no. 116 came in here.

⁴ 'Hensinton' in marginal note.

⁵ MS. 'londe,' by a slip.

Eustace son
of Ralph

established
his rights
over a mes-
suage
and two
acres,

held of
Denyse
Scorchebef
by quit-rent
of 10½*d.*
Purchase-
money, 10*s.*

Sone of Kyng John the iij., in the morowe of Seynte lucie virgeñ, afore *Richard*, Bisshop of Salesburie, mathewe ffigt Hereberte, Raph Hareng, Water ffolioth, James of Poterne, Water *de ripariis*, Morice Tureville, John Wykenolte, Justices 4 iorneyng, and oþer true meñ of owr lorde þe Kyng þere then beyng present, betwene Eustache ffigt Raph, axar, and Deenys Escorchebefe, tenaunt, of j. mese and ij. acris of londe with þe pertinences In Hensyntoñ Whereoff 'assisa of the deth of 8 aunceturs' whas i-summed bitwene them In the forsaide Courte: that is to say, þat þe forsaide [Deenys¹ acknowledged the said mese and the said two acres of land, with the pertinences, to be the right of said Eustache: to be hold and to be had, to the 12 same Eustache and his heirs, of the forsaide Deenys and her heirs, by the service of ten pence halfpenny to be paid yearly. And for this acknowledgement and fine and accord the foresaid Eustache gawe to the foresaid Deenys x. ð. of sterlings. 16

1199,
Aug. 28.

117* A. A charter of the King between Deenys Schorchebef, asker, and William son of Wymund and Richard son of Ralph about 1 hide.

Suit by
which
Denyse
Scorchebef,

after estab-
lishing
her rights
over a hide,

granted it
out as a
freehold, to
be held by
7*s.* quit-
rent.

THIS is the final accord made in the court of our lord king at Oxonforde, on Saturday next after the feast of Seynt Bartholomew, in the first year of the reign of king John, before Alan, abbot of Tewkesbury, Simon of Pateshull, John of Gestling, 20 Richard Flandrensis, William of Faleise, justices, and other barons of our lord king then there present, between Deenys Scorchebef, axer, and William son of Wymund and Richard son of Ralph, tenaunts, of 1. hide of land, with the pertinents, in 24 Hensinton: whereof 'acknowledgement of great assise' was summoned between them in the foresaid court: that is to say, that the foresaid] William² and Richard maade knowlege all þe forsaide londe with þe pertinences to be þe ry3gñt and þe 28 heritage of the forsaide Deenes, And for that ffine and acorde and knowleggyng þe forsaide Deenes³ to þe forsaide William and Richard, with þe pertinences, to be holde of heñ and heñ heyres, to þem and to þere heyres for Euer, by ffre service of 3a

¹ Added from the Latin.

³ Words like 'gave all the forsaide land'

² The English MS. resumes after the have dropped out, omission.

vij. s. by þere for all *seruice*, to be i-paide at þe ffest of Seynte Martyne. And for this graunt þe forsaide William and Richard þafe to þe forsaide Deenes xx. s. of sterlynges.

Purchase-money, £1.

[118.] A¹ charter of Symon Scorchebef ffit Geffrey Scorchebef of Shipton. About 1255.

4 [KNOW² all men, &c³. that I Simon Scorchebef, &c³.] At the Instance of Water Shipton, Chapleyne, for my helth and of myne, þafe and grauntid and with this present charter confermyd, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe 8 church of Seynt marye off Oseney, in-to ffre pure and perpetuell almes, vij. s. off rent in Hensynton þerly to be take In the ffest of Seynt Martine at Osney of iiij. þerdis of londe þe which Eustache meyllour, Richard Spenser, Symon Cat, Geffrey 12 Miller, Helewise þe relicte of William frankelyne, sumtyme helden in Hensynton, with homage and *seruice* of þe same and of here heyres, and what of Ryght In them or In þere tene- mentes I had or myght have, without oony withholdyng to me 16 or to my heyres: to be holde and to be had, to þe saide chanons, of me and off my heyres for Euer, well and In peece, ffrely & quietly fro all seculer *seruice* exaccion and Demaunde. And I Symon and my heyres all the forsaide thynges to þe forsaide 20 chanons for Euer shall warantize agaynste all men and women: and if perauenture, by oony case happenyng to them, þe forsaide thynges we may not warantize we shall make an Escaunge in Shipton of my londe to þe value of vij. s. of Rent. And that 24 this my gift, &c³.

Grant to Oseney,

by Simon Scorchebef,

of the rent-charge of 7s. (as in no. 117*) over 4 yardlands,

with all other feudal superiorities.

[119.] *KNOWE that³ that be nowe and to be þat I, Eustach ffitz Raph of Hensinton, þaf and graunted, and haue confermyd with this my present charter, to god and to þe church of Seynte 28 Marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere *seruyng* god, all my londe In Hensinton, and⁴ all that I had or myght haue [in² the same land], þat is to say, xlj. acris of arable londe, with my chefe mansion and Crofte, and Medis, and þere pertinences: to

* leaf 28. About 1255.

Grant to Oseney, by Eustace son of Ralph of Hensington, of a mansion, croft,

¹ An obscure marginal note says:—‘A charter; nota pro nigro.’

² Added from the Latin.

³ Read ‘they.’

⁴ ‘et quicquid.’

2 acres
meadow,
and 41
acres
arable.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

be had and to be holde, of me and my heyris, with all pere liberteyes and here ffree customs, In-to pure and perpetueſſ almes for Euer. And I and my heyres þe fornamed xlj. acris and chefe Mansiōn and Crofte and Mede with all þe pertinences 4 to þe saide Church and chanons shall warantize, defende, and Aquite, agaynste all cristen men and Juys as fre pure and owre perpetueſſ almys ffor euer. Ande that þese above-write þynges opteyne strenghe, to this present charter my seele I have 8 i-put to, ̃.

1257, Oct.
Suit by
which
Osney

received
from Eus-
tace son of
Ralph, the
property in
no. 119,

paying a
'sparhauke
sowre.'

[120.] THIS is þe ffinall acorde i-maade In the Kynges Courte at Westmynster, fro þe day of Seynt Miȝheſſ in-to þe xv. day In þe 3ere off þe reyne of Kyng Henry þe soone of 12 Kyng John xlj., afore Henry of Bathe and Robert Brywes, Justices, and oþer true men of þe Kynges þenne pere beyng present, bitwene Richard, Abbot of Osney, playnyng, by William lech i-sette in his stede to gete or to lese, and Eustach ffigt 16 Raph of Hensintoñ, deforecyng, of j. mese, j. tofte, xlj. acris of londe, and ij. acris of mede with þe pertinences In Hensintoñ¹, Where-of a² plee of Couenaunte was i-sumned Bitwene þeme in þe same Courte: þat is to say, that the forsaide Eustach 20 knowlechild all þe forsaide tenement with þe pertinences to be þe ryȝht of the same Abbot and of his church of Osney, þat þe saide abbot and his church hauēd of þe ȝifte of the fforsaide Eustach, to be had and to be holde, to þe same Abbot 24 and to his successours and to his church aforsaide, of the chefe lordis of that ffee ffor Eueȝ, doying þerof all seruices the which perteynyd to þe forsaide tenement. And for this Recogniciō, ffine and acorde þe same Abbot ȝafe³ to þe fforsaide Eustach 28 j. sparhauke Sowre, ̃.

About
1290?
Grant to
Osney, by
Eustace
son of
Jeffrey,

[121.] KNOWE þei that þen present and to be þat I, Eustach ffigt Geoffrey off Hensintoñ, with oon assent and consent of Moolde my wiffe and of Henry my first boor sone, ȝafe and ȝa 32 grauntid, and with this my present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Seynte Mary off Osneye and to þabbot and to þe chanons pere seruyng god, In-to ffree pure and perpetueſſ

¹ Marginal note :—' Hensyngton.'

² 'placitum conventionis summonitum fuit.'

³ 'dedit . . . unum sparvarium sorum.'

almes, oon mese with a Curtilage (or Gardeyne) and Crofte þat I had in þe towne of Hensintoñ¹, with þe pertinences, and xxvij. acris and j. Rodde of Arable londe In þe ffeldes of Hensintoñ, with þe pertinences, and all my mede that I had In þe medis of Hensintoñ, with þe pertinences, and a 3erely rent of j. d. at þe ffest of Seynte Marten, þe which mayster John Mazon was i-wonyd to 3elde to me for ij. acris þe which he helde of me In the feldes off Hensintoñ, with homage and seruice of þe same Master John, and all that I had or my3ght haue in þe fforsaide thynges, withoute oony withholdyng to me or to my heyres * for euer: to be hold and to be had, to the saide abbot and chanons and to þere successours, of me and myne heyres, into free pure and perpetueñ almes for euer: and I, Eustach, and my heyres, to þe fforsaide Abbot and chanons and to þere successours, all the fforsaide thynges agaynste all pepull for euer schall warantize aquite and defende. And that this my 3ifte, graunte, and of this my charter confirmacion be sure and stabull here-after, this presente charter with my seelys enprentyng haue I strengthid hit. Thes witnessys, &c².

of [a yard-land?, viz.] a messuage, garden, croft, and 27½ acres arable, with meadow, and a quit-rent of 1d. over two acres, with all feudal superiorities. * leaf 28, back.

[122.] To² all cristen men, &c². Knowe 3e all vs to haue i-graunted and to haue confermed to Ricarde fforster³ of Hensentoñ and to hys heyres, for his homage ande seruice, þe 3ifte and graunte þe which to hym made Eustach ffizt Raph of j. mese and iiij. acris in þe feldes of Hensyntoñ, with here pertinences,

1258, Nov. 28. Confirmation by Oseney, to Richard Forster and heirs, of the grant by Eustace son of Ralph, of a messuage, 2 acres in the North field, and 2 acres in the South-field,

that is to say, that mese, with þe pertinences, that Symon Kat sumtyme helde; and ij. Acris of Arable londe in þe Northfelde, of þe which j. dñ. Acre lyeth by Dene bache⁴, and j. forere lyeth by slichy⁵, and ij. dñ. Acres lyen in the telth þe which is i-called Orchardes fforlong; In the Sowthfelde, j. dñ. Acre lyeth euyñ A3erst þe howse þe which is of william lang hals, And j. halfe Acre lyeth at Wowyne⁶ Hegge, And j. dñ. Acre lieth abowe þe wey the which ledeth to Trope, and j. dñ. acre lieth bitwene þe þycke þurne path and grene wey: to be holde and

¹ Marginal note:—'Hensyngton.'

² In MS. this deed is marked by a big bracket and the name 'Hensynton' written beside it. The holding of Richard Forster here mentioned is one of those involved in

nos. 117, 118.

³ 'le forester' in the Latin.

⁴ 'Linche' in the Latin.

⁵ 'iuxta Rithi.'

⁶ 'Woluyne.'

at quit-rent
of 2s. 6d.,
with suit of
court and
homage.

to be had, to þe saide *Richard* and to his eyres, for ij. s. and vj. d. zerey to vs and to our successours in the day of Seynte Marten at Hensynton for euer to be payde for all seruice, sauynge to vs and to our successours sute of our courte of the forsaide *Richard* and his heyres, and sauynge to vs homage aforsaide, And that hit schall not be lefull to the forsaide *Richard* and to his eyres oony thyng of the forsaide londes and mese to oony man to ley to wedde¹, selle, or to bequeth, without speciall licens of thabbot of Oseneye and the Couent. Of þe which thyng, &c².

Reference
to no. (?) 21.

[123.] HIT² is to be mynded that thabbot of Oseneye hath in the towne of Hensynton þe tithe of j. hide [of] londe perteynyng to the church of Seynte George of þe zifte of Robert Doyly,¹² as hit is open in the title of 'the³ ffundacion of the Howse of Oseney,' the which londe þe templarijs holden.

[Knights
Templars.]

Reference
to nos. (?)
120-1.

[124.] ALSO pabbot hath j. hide of londe in the same towne, with A mese, medys, and oper pertinences.

16

Reference
to no. 92.

[125.] ALSO note that we [have] a thyng to be remembrud of⁴ An Inquisicion i-made of our ffredoms in Hensynton of Sute not to be doo at þe Hundrede of Worton⁵.

[XX. WYTHULLE.]

Reference
to nos. 21,
26, 29, 41.

[126.] ABBOT of Oseneye hath in Whithull ij. parties of 20 þe scheves of all the Demayne sumtyme of Sire Hugh Wythulle, Knyzht, and of ryzht of all thyng the which is wonyd to be tithed perteynyng to the church of Seynte George, of þe zifte of [the] Doyllys, and confirmacio of Bisshopes and of þe chapiter of lincoln and of popis of Rome.

[XXI. GREAT BARTON.]

* leaf 29.
Reference
to nos. 129,

[127.] * HIT is to be knowe what⁶ we haue in grete Barton þe church with þe chapel of Sanforde and lodewell of þe

¹ 'invadiare.'

² In the MS. the four deeds (nos. 123-6), are marked by brackets, and in each case 'Nota' in the margin.

³ Apparently in error for 'How St. George's church was given to Oseney':

p. 22/4.

⁴ 'habemus memorandum de inquisitione.'

⁵ 'de Wottona,' correctly, in the Latin.

⁶ Read 'that': 'Sciendum quod habemus.'

gifte of Roge^r of Seynte John, and þe graunte of Hugh and Robert Bysshops of lincoln and of the chapiter of þe same, and confirmation of Gualle cardinale and legate, with þe confirmation of pope Honorye the thirdde. 37, 133-4, 136.

[128.] IN ¹ the Baylyfwyke of Barton ben conteyned þese : þat is to say, Grete Barton or þe more Barton, Barton odonis, Westcote Barton, Saunforde, ledewell, Groue, Rowlesham, Heyforde, litull Tywe, þe more Tywe, and Dunstywe.

[129.] To all þe soonys of holy church to þe which þis present wrytyng schall come Roger i. of Seynte John helth in our lorde. Knowe ȝe all [me], with assent and consent of William my Broþer, to haue i-ȝefe and to haue i-graunted, and with this present charter haue i-confermed, to þabbot and chanons of þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye, for my helth and of myne and for þe Sowles of my aunceturs, þe church of Barton, in-to ffree and pure almes, with his *pertinences*, in tithis, in londes, in meñ, in howses, in medys and pastures, in weyes and pathis, and in all oþer thynges and fredoms and free customs the which þe forsaide church eu^er had in tyme of oony of my aunceturs whenne þeye had þeme best ² and fulliest. And this my gifte, that hit þe moo^r sure^r and stedfaste^r here-after may be, I maade hit in þe presente ³ of lorde John of Constances, Archedecun, and of all þe chapiter at Oxenforde. These withnysses, &c^o. About 1190 ? Grant to Oseney, by Roger (I) of St. John, of the rectory of Great Barton (see in no. 37).

[130.] To all cristen meñ to the which this present wrytyng schall come John of saynte John helth in our lorde. Knowe ȝe all me, for my helth and of myne, to haue i-grauntid, and with this present charter to haue i-confermed, to god and to the church of saynte marie of Oseneye and to the chanons there seruyng god, the gifte the which Roger of Seynte John my fadu^r made to the same church and chanons vppoñ the church of Barton : to be had and to be hold to the same, in-to pure free and perpetueñ almes, with all his *pertinences*, In tithis, In About 1215. Confirmation to Oseney, by John (I) of St. John, of his father's gift as in no. 129.

¹ Nos. 128-34 are marked in the MS. with a line drawn right down the leaf; and several of them have 'Nota' or other

marginal mark.

² 'melius et plenius.'

³ By a slip for 'presence.'

londes, men, howses, medys and pastures, weyes, patthis, and in all other thynges, fredoms, and fre customs, the which euer had þe forsaide church in the tyme of oony of my aunceturs when hit had theme best and fulliest, as þe charter of my saide fadur 4 (the which vppoð [this] þey haue) witnesseth. And that this my graunte and confirmacion bide sure and stedfaste for Euer, ʒ.

Reference
to no. 141.

[131.] BARTON. The charter of John ij. of Seynt John seke after, the which was Nevywe of the helder John and 8 the soone of Roger the secunde.

About
1170.
Grant to
Steeple
Barton
church,
by Roger
(I) of St.
John, of a
quarter-
yardland,
* leaf 29,
back.
viz. 3½ acres
in North-
field,
and 3¼ acres
in South-
field,

with a
bond-
widow ten-
ant and
her son,
and ½ an
acre of
meadow,
for leave
to have a
chantry in
his chapel,
except on

[132.] To all soonys of our hooly modur the church to the which this present charter shall come Roger of Seynt John helth. To the knowlegyng of ʒow all I wyll hit come me 12 to haue i-ʒeve, and to haue i-grauntid, to god and to the church of Seynte marie of Bartoñ, in-to pure and perpetueñ almes, thre acris of londe and the iiij. parte of j. acre in oon feld; and al so much in a-nother felde; In the Northfelde, ij. acris and the 16 iiij. parte of j. acre * þe which lieñ Above Wadbrech, and the thirde Acre þe which lieth by Bryctewelle nyȝh be the wey; In the Sowthfelde, gorys the which godric helde the which maken ij. acres, and the thirde acre the which is the hede of 20 the gorys, and the iiij. parte of j. acre the which lyith by that londe 1 and that londe the which lyith bitwene þe courte of the person of the nowe-saide church and the howse of Ailmare as the newe Dicke and the wall of my Bartoñ 2 closeth: ffor þer- 24 more, I haue i-ʒeve and i-grauntid, to god and to þe forsaide church, anneys my natife or bonde-womañ 3 (the which was the wife of Odo), with Raph the soone of the same Anneys; and dñ. Acre of mede at Rogheford the which lieth to 4 the mede of 28 Water ffrankeleyne: to be hold, of me and my heyrys, frely and quietly, fro all seruice and seculer exaccion. This ʒifte and graunt I made for A chaunterye to be had in my chapel of Bartoñ, free and quietly fro the subieccion of the modur church, 32 outetake that pat at v. days solemne 5 (pat is to say, of the

¹ Read 'acre.' The words which follow are probably part of the boundaries of this rood, and not a further item of the grant.

² 'de bertona mea.' For this word see in no. 178.

³ An alternative rendering. The Latin is 'Agnetam nativam mean que fuit.'

⁴ 'adiacet prato.'

⁵ 'ad quinque dies solemnes.'

Birth of our lorde; In the Daye of goodefridaye; In the
 Daye of Estur; In Witsondaye; and In the Daye of the
 Assumpcion of our laydy) I and my howsold^r to the modur
 4 church schall come, if by case¹ in that tyme hit happen
 me pere to Abide; and whatsoever chapeleyne I holde²,
 By the sacrament of feith hee schall be bownde that to
 the modur church and to the mynsters pere seruyng god [he]
 8 shall kepe feyth; and, as be custom is, if hit happe my wife
 to be i-spedde in child-beryng at Barton, at þe modur church
 her purificacion sche [shall] make; And if hit happe me
 thorough all the lent to tary or to Abide³ at Barton, my
 12 howsholde, þe which shall be with me, of the chapeleyne of
 the modur church confession shall take. And that this my
 gifte, &c^o.

five chief days
 when he and
 his household
 must attend
 the parish
 church.
 His chaplains
 to take oath
 not to injure
 the parish
 church.
 His wife is to
 be churched
 at the parish
 church and to
 pay her offer-
 ing there.
 His household
 is to make
 Easter con-
 fession at the
 parish church

[133.] GUALO, By the mercy of god, title of Seynte Marteyne
 16 preste cardinaill, popis legat, to the loued Soones Abbot and
 chanons of Oseneye helth in our lorde. To ryghfull desires of
 axer it is worthy vs to geve lizht assent and the Desires the
 wich discorde not fro the pathe of resoñ with⁴ effecte (or doying)
 20 folowyng to fulfille. þerfore, beloued Soones in oure lorde,
 to 3ow^r ryghfull axynges with free assent we hauyng course,
 þe church of Barton with the chapeill of Sanforde and with oper
 her pertinences, þe which to 3ow the worschipfull fadur, Hugh,
 24 Bisschop of lincōn, of the consent of his chapter, with the saide
 chapeill and oper pertinences, in-to pere⁵ owne vsis, to þe sus-
 teynyng of poor meñ and pilgrimes, graunted, as hit appereth
 by his open⁶ instrument to 3ow and by 3ow to 3ow^r church as in
 28 that Instrument fully Is i-conteyned, By the auctorite of the
 legacie the which we haue we conferme and with the help
 of this present writyng we make sure. Therefore hit shall not
 vturly be lawfull to oony mañ to Breke this our writyng or to
 32 goo agaynste hit with a frowarde boldenes; and if oony mañ
 this presume to attempte, the Indignacion of Almyghthy god
 and of the hooly church of rome knowe 3e hym-selfe to be runne

121⁷,
 Jan. 19.
 Confirma-
 tion to
 Oseney,
 by Gualo,
 cardinal
 and legate,
 of Great
 Barton
 church and
 Sandford
 chapel,
 as in
 no. 134.

Anathema
 against
 violators.

¹ 'si forte tunc temporis.'

² 'retinero.'

³ Alternative rendering of the one word
 'morari.'

⁴ 'effectu prosequente complere.'

⁵ Read 'your': 'in usus proprios.'

⁶ 'publicum.'

in. Datum at Abendon the xiiij. k^k of februarye, of the Bisshop-
 * leaf 30. hooche of lorde * Honorye þe thirde the secunde 3ere.

1217,
 Oct. 14.
 Confirmation
 to
 Oseney,
 by the
 diocesan,

of Steeple
 Barton
 rectory, as
 in no. 129,
 to sustain
 poor men
 and pil-
 grims,
 as also the
 chapel of
 Sandford,

the rela-
 tion be-
 tween
 which and
 Barton
 church
 is obscure

(subject to
 the life-
 interest of
 William of
 St. John,
 now rector),

[134.] To all cristen men to the which this present charter
 shall come Hugh¹, By the grace of god Bisshop of lincoln, helth 4
 in oure lorde. We attendyng þe Religioñ and honest conuersa-
 cion of oure loued soones thabbot and chanons of Oseneye, for
 the sake of goddis mercy, we haue Decreyd, of the assent of the
 deen and chapiter of lincoln, the church of Bartoñ with þe per- 8
 tineñcis (whoos aduocacion they hauē of the 3ifte of Roger of
 Seynte John, of the same church patrone) in-to pere owne vses,
 to þe susteynyng of powre men and pilgrymys to graunte and
 By the Bisshopes auctorite to conferme. Truly, for-asmuch as 12
 þey² saide the church of Saunforde to be þe modur church, And
 oper seyde hit to be a chapeil to þe church of Bartoñ per-
 teynyng, we, willyng vppon þis fully to be i-certified, [caused]
 an Inquisicion perof to be maade diligent³ By the Archdecan of 16
 the place and by feithfull men in the chapiter⁴. Þe which all,
 i-swore, vndur þe Dewte of pere oothe seide hit to be per-
 teynyng as a chapeil to þe church of Bartoñ. But napelees
 as A modur church we haue i-founde hit, of all Burdons and 20
 customs Episcopals and Archidiaconals answeyng. Whereof
 a⁵ counsell i-had of the deen and of owr chapiter, of the
 counsell of wise men, þe forsaide church of Bartoñ, with þe
 chapeil of Sannforde, with oper pertinences, to þe forsaide 24
 Abbot & couent for Euer we haue i-grauntid in-to per owne
 vses; to þe susteynyng of hospitalite A-forsaide to be conuertid
 or turne⁶, sauynge þe Bisshop and archedecons customs of þe
 forsaide chapeil of Saunforde, of⁷ þe modur church as wee haue 28
 i-saide afore, sauynge also to william of Seynte John persone
 of þe church of Bartoñ and of Saunforde in⁸ his pesible pos-
 session while he leueth. Also we ordeyne that, after þe decese
 of þe forsaide person, a conuenient chapeleyne to vs & to our 32

¹ Hugh of Wells, bishop of Lincoln,
 1209-35.

² Read 'some': 'quidam dicebant.'

³ 'diligentem': agreeing with 'inquisi-
 tionem.'

⁴ i. e. of the rural deanery.

⁵ Read 'the consent': 'Unde habito con-
 sensu.'

⁶ Alternative rendering of 'converten-
 dam.'

⁷ Read 'as of a': 'tanquam de ecclesia
 matrice.'

⁸ Omit 'in.' The translator has for-
 gotten that he is rendering an ablative
 absolute: 'salva ... possessione.'

successours to þe perpetueſſ vicariage of þe church of Barton, the services to be undertaken by perpetual vicars.
 of thabbot and couent, be presentid, þe which shaft take, In The vicar of Barton shall have (a) the alt-
 þe name of þe perpetueſſ vicariage, all þe Auterage of þe tarage, (b) half
 4 same church, with dñ. hide of londe to þe same church a hide of land, (c) a house;
 perteynyng, and with an howse þe which Thomas Senex the vicar of Sandford shall have (a) the al-
 helde; and to þe perpetueſſ vicariage of þe chapeſſ of Saun- tarage, (b) the
 forde be presentid also to vs & to our successours a conuenient small tithes, (c)
 8 chapeleyne, þe which shaft take all þe obuencionſ (or ¹ vayles) 4½ acres of
 of þe Auter of þe same chapeſſ, with þe smale tithis, and land;
 with iiij. acris and dñ. to þe smale² chapeſſ perteynyng. And the vicare to þe which hit longeth to serue þe chapeſſ of
 And the vicare to þe which hit longeth to serue þe chapeſſ of
 12 ledwell shaft make hit to be i-seruyd as hit ofteth, and he one or other to
 shaft take þe thride parte of all tithis of grove³ for nedefull serve Ledwell
 susteynyng of a chapeleyne and þe forsaide vicares all chapel, and
 burdonſ of þe forsaide church and chapeſſ at ⁴ Saunforde take ¼rd of the
 16 shaft susteyne Episcopals and archidiaconals i-wonyd⁵, oute- tithes of Grove.
 take þe herborogh⁶ of þe Bisshop and of þe Archidecon. Said vicars to
 And þat all þese aforethynges sure and vnbroke Abide, þem pay ecclesiasti-
 with this present wrytyng and with our [seal] we haue i-willed cal charges,
 20 to be confermed, Sauyng in all thynges þe Bisshops customs but not to be
 and þe dignite of þe church of lincoln. Thes witnesses, &c⁷. subject to 'her-
 bishop or arch-
 deacon.

[135.] To all cristen pepul to þe which this present About
 wrytyng schaft come Hugh⁷, By þe grace of god Bisshop of 1190?
 24 lincoln, helth in our lorde. Leste þoo Benefettes þe which ben Confirmation to
 i-geve to religiouse by for-getyng ofttymes⁸ to be i-beried mowe, Oseney,
 and to be withdrawe by schredenes⁹ of cursed men, we haue by the
 i-willed to take¹⁰ þem to þe Surenyſſe of wrytyng and to make diocesan,
 28 hit sure with þe help of our seele: þerefore to þe knowlegyng of

¹ An alternative rendering: 'omnes ob-
 vencionē altarīs.'

² Read 'same': 'ad eandem capellam.'

³ Marginal note:—'Grove.'

⁴ Read 'of': 'de.'

⁵ Note the plural suffixes of the adjectives: 'onera... episcopalia et archidiaconalia consueta.'

⁶ 'hospitium.'

⁷ It is possible that this confirmation is by Hugh of Avalon, bishop of Lincoln 1186-1200. The preceding charter, appointing vicarages, is by Hugh of Wells, but is placed first through the prevalent

error which ascribes Hugh of Wells's acts to his more famous predecessor. Rev. H. Salter notes that the original of no. 134 (in Christ Church Treasury) is correctly endorsed 'Carta Hugonis episcopi, quondam archidiaconi Wellensis,' but that an early hand has inserted 'Sci.' before Hugonis.

⁸ Read 'of times': 'temporum obliuione possint sepeliri.'

⁹ i. e. shrewdness; 'malignorum prauitate.'

¹⁰ 'commendare.'

of Black-
bourton
chapel,

* leaf 30,
back.

and Steeple
Barton
Church.

þow all we will hit come vs to haue ferme, and to conferme with þe present charter, þe giftes, as þey haue i-be made resonably, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, of our i-loued soones * in criste Raph 4 Murdac^o and Hugh of Bourton vppon the chapel of Bourton, and of Roger of Seynte John vppon the church of Barton. The which that hit may be had ferme and sure with this present writyng and with our seele we haue i-wylled to be 8 i-strenghtid, &c^o.

1220,
Apr. 20.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Hono-
rius III,

of no. 134.

Anathema
against
violators.

[136.] HONOR, Bisshop, seruaunt of þe seruauntes of god, ꝑ. To ryȝhtfull peticion^s hit is worþi vs to ȝeue lyȝht consentyng and to fille Effectually þe Desires þe which discorde not fro the 12 path of reson: þerfore, well beloued soones in our lorde, to ȝour ryȝhtfull axinges we willyng with goode assent, þe church of Bartoñ with þe chapel of Sanforde and þere oþer pertinences, þe which our worschipfull Brother Bisshop of lincoln, diocesañ 16 of the place, with consent of his chapter and of þe patrones of þe same church comyng-to¹, to ȝow, to ȝour sustenance, with goode and wise liberalnesse hath i-grauntid (as in the same Bisshops letters is i-conteyned), to ȝow, and by ȝow to ȝowr 20 church, By the Apostles auctorite, we conferme and make sure with þe help of this writyng. þerfore of our confirmacion or to goo Agaynste hit schall not be vturly to noo man lefull or to goo Agaynste hit with frowarde boldenesse; And if oony 24 to attempte presумыth, þe Indignacion of Almyȝhty god & of his Blessed apostles petur and paule knowe he hym-self to haue i-Runne In. The Date, at Viterbe, the xij. k^k of May, of his Bisshop-hode þe iiij. ȝere. 28

About
1220?
Grant to
Oseney, by
John of
St. John,
of pasture
for 6 oxen,
2 cows,

[137.] KNOW they that be present and to be that I, John of Seynte John², ffor my helth and of my aunceturs, haue i-ȝeue, graunted, and with my present charter [confermed], to god and to þe church of seynte Marye of Oseneye and to þe chanons þere 32 seruyng god, in-to ffree pure and perpetuell Almes, pasture³ in my Demayne to vj. oxen and ij. kyne and to two bestes⁴ where

¹ 'accedente' agreeing with 'consensu.'

² Died 1230.

³ 'Nota' in margin.

⁴ 'averia.'

my shepe¹ of Bartoñ feede, and to lx. shepe where my shepe
 feede, and free Entryng and owte-gooyng to þe same pastures,
 and pasture to xx. of there hogges where my hogges fede: and
 4 in-to wisse of this thyng to þis present writyng my seele
 I haue i-put. These witnesses, &c².

2 bullocks
 (or steers),
 60 sheep,
 and 20 pigs.

[138.] THIS is þe finall accorde i-made In þe courte of oure
 lorde Kyngat oxonforde, fro þe Day of þe Holy trinite in-to þe
 8 xv. Dayes, in þe 3ere of the reyne of Kyng Henry þe soone
 of Kyng John xxxj., afore Roger of Turkelby, Gilbert of preston,
 Mayster Symon of Bampton³, and John Goveham⁴, Justices
 Jorneyng, and other feythfull men of oure lorde þe Kyng thenne
 12 þere beyng present, Bitwene John, Abbot of Oseney, playner,
 and Roger of Seynte John, deforc.⁴, of xxv. acris of londe and
 j. Mille, with þe pertinences, in Odebartoñ⁵, and of xv. acris of
 londe and iij. Mesys, with þe pertinences, in stepulbartoñ and
 16 oxenforde, whereof þe plee⁶ of 'conuencion' whas i-summonyd
 bitwene them in þe same courte⁷: and bitwene thabbot, playner,
 and þe forsaide Roger, letter⁸, of þe pasture to vj. oxen, twey
 kyne, and two bestes⁹, lx. shepe, and xxii hogges, in þe Demayne
 20 pasture of þe same Roger in stepulbartoñ, and whereof [the¹⁰
 plea of] 'warantize of A charter' was i-summonyd bitwene þem
 in the same courte, þat is to say, that þe same Roger aforsaide
 receyuyng¹¹ þe forsaide xv.¹² acris of londe and þe forsaide
 24 Milfe, with þe pertinences, in Odebartoñ, also with þe ponde
 and water of þe same Mylle and fisshyng of þe same water,
 as mucþe as to þe same Roger and to hys heyres perteynyth,
 how¹³ mucþe þe clo*se of þe same Abbot durith, and also the
 28 forsaide iij. mesys, with the pertinences, in oxonforde, that is to
 say, j. mese that is Bitwene Segrym of the corner and the lond
 that was of Andrewe tod, and that mese that Roger pompe
 sumtyme helde in the parisch of seynt Mildrith, and that mese
 32 that Water Brehuff sumtyme helde in the parisch of seynte

1247,
 June.
 Agreement
 between
 Oseney and
 Roger (II)
 of St. John

[in respect
 of (a) 25
 acres and a
 mill (with
 its water-
 supply and
 fishing-
 rights) in
 Barton
 Odonis (as in
 no. 143), (b)
 15 acres in
 Steeple Bar-
 ton, (c) 3
 messuages
 in Oxford,
 and (d) of
 pasture as
 in no. 137],
 by which
 Roger of
 St. John
 granted to
 Oseney (a);
 and (b);

* leaf 31.
 and (c);

¹ Read 'oxen': 'boves' in Latin.

² 'de Bauton,' in Latin: read Wauton.

³ 'Cobeham,' in Latin.

⁴ 'deforciantem.'

⁵ Name noted in margin. Ode-Barton = Barton Odonis, a manor in the parish of Great Barton.

⁶ 'placitum conventionis.'

⁷ 'Nota' in margin.

⁸ 'impedientem.'

⁹ 'duos afferos.'

¹⁰ 'placitum warancie carte.'

¹¹ Read 'acknowledged': 'recognovit.'

¹² The Latin has, correctly, 'xxv.'

¹³ i. e. as far as the enclosure belonging to the abbot of Oseney reaches.

(with leave
to enclose
the land
in Steeple
Barton and
its appen-
dent pas-
ture

[pasture 'in
defence']
absolutely
to the use
of Oseney,

except for a
foot-path),

and (d).

John Baptiste, to be the ryght of the same Abbot and of his church of Oseneye, and then he relese and quite-claymed, of hym-selfe and of his heyres, to the forsaide Abbot and to his successours and to his church for Euer; and furthermore þe 4 same Roger remittid And grauntid the forsaide xxv. acris¹ of londe, with the pertinences, in Stepulbarton to be thee ryght of the same Abbot and of his church of Oseneye, so that hit schall be lawfull to þe same Abbot and to his successours to 8 close [the foresaid] xv. acres of londe, and also all the pasture of the same Abbot the wich lieth Bitwene þe forsaide xv. acris of the londe And the churchzerde of the church of stepulbarton and the courte of the same Abbot in þe same towne, with wasse, 12 dich, or haye, and hit in-to defence to put and² his profite perof at his wylle to doo, withoute agayne-saying to³ the same Roger and to³ his heyres, withoute oony clayme or⁴ oony ryght or commune þe which þe same roger or his heyres mowen⁵ 16 clayme or axe within þe forsaide close for Euer, sauynge to þe same Roger and to his heyres A pathe þorowgh þe middull of þe same close fro þe stile of þe forsaide church of⁶ þe forsaide Milfe of Odebarton By the which hym-selfe and all his men 20 may goo and to come for here wylle vppon foote allonly as þat pathe was þe day in þe which þis Acorde whas i-maade: and also þe same Roger receyued⁷ þe forsaide pasture to vj. oxen, ij. kyne, ij. bestes, lx. schepe, and xx. hogges, in þe Demayne 24 pasture of the same Roger and of his heyres⁸ in the same towne where the Demayne bestes of the same roger and of his heyres fede, that is to say, to oxen with oxen, to kyne with hys kyne, to bestes with his Bestes, to shepe with his shepe, to hogges 28 with his hogges, to be the ryght⁹ of the same Abbot and hys aforesaide church, as hit þe which þe predecessours of the same Abbot [and¹⁰ his foresaid church have had of the gift of John son of Roger, father of said Roger, whose heir he is. And the 32 same Abbot] and his successours schall haue and holde þe fore-

¹ The Latin has, correctly, 'xv.'

² i. e. 'and to do (i. e. make) his profit.'
The English follows the Latin order.

³ Read 'of.'

⁴ Read 'of': 'absque aliquo clamio aliquis iuris vel commune.'

⁵ 'poterunt clamare.'

⁶ Read 'to': 'usque ad.'

⁷ Read 'acknowledged': 'recognovit.'

⁸ MS. repeats 'in the Demayne pasture of the same Roger and of his heyres.'

⁹ MS. adds 'of the ryght,' in error.

¹⁰ Added from the Latin.

saide xv. acris and¹ londe, and the forsaide pasture, with his pertinences, of þe forsaide Roger & his [heirs], in-to pure and perpetuell almes, frely and quietly fro all seculer service and
 4 exaccion for Euer: and the same Roger and his heyres schaff warantize, aquite, and Defende, to the same Abbot and to his successours and to his church aforesaide, þe forsaide xv. Acris of londe, and all þe foresaide pasture, with his pertinences, as it
 8 is i-saide afore, as ffree pure and his perpetuell almys, agaynste all men for Euer. And as² for this relese, ande quyte-clayme, warantizing, acquityng, defendyng, fine, and concorde, þe forsaide Abbot recognized and grauntid³ x. marke³ of londe, with þe
 12 pertinences, in the foresaide towne of stepulbarton, þat is to say, all that telth, with þe pertinences, þe which lieth Bitwene þe howse þe which whas sumtyme of Richard prynke and Brecforlonge, with the mede of Blacwell that to þo þe⁴ x. acris
 16 of londe perteyneth, as⁵ ryght of the same Roger, as poo þe which þe aunceturs of the same Roger had in-to Eschaunge for the⁶ x. acris of londe of the forsaide xv. acris within the forsaide close: to be had and to be holde, to the same Roger and
 20 to his heyres, free and quiete fro all [secular] service and exaccion for Euer: And the same Abbot and his successours schaff warantize, aquite, and defende, to þe same Roger and to his heyres, the foresaide x. acris of londe, with the foresaide
 24 mede, and all his other pertinences, free ande * quite fro all seculer service & exaccion agaynste all men for Euer.

In return Oseney recognized Roger (II) of St. John's right to ten acres and meadow in Steeple (i. e. Great) Barton, obtained by exchange from Oseney.

* leaf 31, back.

[139.] This is the conuencion⁷ i-maade bitwene thabbot and Couent of Colchester of the oone parte, and thabbot and Couent
 28 of Oseney of the oþer, that is to say, þat the foresaide Abbot and munkes haue i-grauntid and take to þe saide chanons all the tithis (both more ande smale) towchyng them in the pariches [of⁸ the churches] of Barton⁹ and of Sanforde⁹ and in ledewell⁹

About 1222. Perpetual lease to Oseney, by St. John's Abbey, Colchester,

¹ Read 'of.'

² Omit 'as.'

³ Read 'acres,' as in the Latin, and lower down.

⁴ Omit 'þe.'

⁵ i. e. 'to be the right': 'esse ius.'

⁶ Omit 'the.'

⁷ In 1222, about June, a council was held at Oxford, to make canons conform-

able to those of the Lateran Council of 1215. The abbot of Colchester may well have attended this, and talked over the Barton property with the abbot of Oseney. Oseney had just acquired (no. 136) the rectory of Barton. See *The Essex Review*, xiv. 149.

⁸ Added from the Latin.

⁹ Names noted in the margin: but spelling 'Sandeford.'

of Colches-
ter tithes
and lands
in this
district,

for £3
yearly,

under
penalty of
£6 13s. 4d.
on occasion
of each fail-
ure to pay
the rent;
with obliga-
tion to en-
tertain at
Oseney the
Abbot of
Colchester,
his retinue,
and eight
horses, for
three days
on each
occasion of
his coming
near Ox-
ford. Lease
to begin
upon expiry
of the ex-
isting lease
to John son
of William
of St. John.

Colchester
to give war-
ranty, if
needed, but
Oseney to
pay
the costs.
Provisions

Ande in Groue, of the londe of John of Seynte John, with ij. Acris
of londe the which þey had in Bartoñ for A mansion (or¹ Dwel-
lyng), [and² for one mansion] that they had at Sanforde with
j. Acre of londe þere, þe which John of Seynte John, clerke, helde 4
of the same: to be had and to be holde, to the saide chanons,
of the forsaide Munckes, in the name of A perpetueñ ferme,
þeldyng þerof þerely lx. ð. of Sterlynges within viij. dayes nexte
goyng befor þe feste of the natiuite of Seynte John Baptiste at 8
colchester. And if the foresaide chanons, at þe terme i-sett,
the foresaide rent pay not to the foresaide place, þat þey schall
geve to the foresaide Munckes al so ofte as hit happeneth x. marke
in the name of A peyne, at þe warnyng of pabbot of colchester, 12
in A certeyne day of hym i-geve, to be i-browght In; And
if nede call pabbot of Colchester in-to þe Cuntreis³ of oxon-
forde, hit schall be Dewe to þe same Abbot and to his men and
to viij. horsis⁴ in the Howse of Osney conuenient purueyng⁵, 16
by thre Dayes, if the same Abbot so longe þere if⁶ will Abide;
and safe schall Abide and be to John ffyt William of Seynte
John, clerke, of⁷ þe saide monkes his ferme vppoñ þe same
tithis and aforsaide londes the which he holdeth of theme, vnto 20
his full terme and not by-þonde; and if within þe terme hee dye
or els⁸ lefe to haue thoo tithis, þe foresaide chanons all þoo tithis
anone schall take and haue, and froo that tyme forthe for them
þe foresaide money þerely to pay schall Begynne, so (that is 24
to say) that, in the ffirst þere after þey haue bee in possession
of þe foresaide tithis, afore þe takyng of þe ffritis of the ffirst
þere, þey schall pay afore-handes to þe foresaide Munckes þe
rent of all oone hoole þere hooly, that is to say, lx. ð. and after- 28
[wards⁹, after having received the fruits of the second year, the
foresaid yearly rent] pay schall pay in the foresaide terme
and place i-sett: and the ryght of þe foresaide tithis been
i-holde thabbot and Munckes of Colchester to the same chanons, 32
with þe costis of þe same chanons, to warantize. Also hit is to
be knowe þat¹⁰ by noone oldenyssse fro þe mynde of meñ þy¹¹

¹ Alternative rendering of 'pro manso.'

² Added from the Latin. The inverted order of words is also in the Latin. Read: 'and with j. acre of londe that they had at Sanforde for one mansion þere.'

³ 'in partes Oxon.'

⁴ 'et viii. equitaturis.'

⁵ 'procuracio competens.'

⁶ Omit 'if.'

⁷ 'dictorum monachorum firma sua.'

⁸ 'vel aliter.'

⁹ Added from the Latin.

¹⁰ i. e. 'that, lest by any *retustas*, etc.'

¹¹ Read 'this'; 'dimissio ista.'

lettyng-owte, as hit is above i-write, hit be i-callid' agayne¹, pat, al so of[t] hit is i-say to þe munckes to be goode, þis scripture (or writyng) of[t] to be renewed with newe selynge of þe seale of
 4 þe chapiter of Oseneye. Also þe prelate of þe church of Osney i-chaungid' the which is now, all þe prelates succedyng to hym, the prelates² by them-selfe or þere procuratour, in þe chapiter of Seynte John of Colchester, with-in xl. dayes fro þere introni-
 8 zacion, to come they ofte to make fiewte vppon the foresaide thynges, to offer oone Besaunte of goolde þere in-to þe hande of þe presidente, þe same chanons with þe foresaide payne to be i-punyssed and³ this be not obserued. Also þe same Abbot and
 12 chanons charchis⁴ Burdon to þe same tithis schall Euer susteyne. And in-to þe strengþ of þe same thyng perpetuell⁵, and witnesse, the foresaide parties to this present writyng in-to two parties diuided' (or departid'), oþer to oþer, there seales haue
 16 i-putt. Of the which writyng partis at⁶ þe remembrið munckes and chanons Euerich to other Abiden.

[140.] * THE dedicacion of the church of Barton⁷, By reynolde⁸ Bisshop Clonense, in the diocese of lincoln, þe which
 20 church he halowed' in the stede of worschippfull ffadur Richard⁹ By þe grace of god Bisshop of lincoln, xj. Rk of Jule In the 3ere of owre lorde M^o CC lxxiiij., with þe Auters of þe same church, grauntyng to all men and women, verely contrite and confessid,
 24 þe same church euery 3ere, the same saide day and þorowgh þe vtase, causa¹⁰ of deuocion, visityng, or¹¹ oony goode dedes doying, xl. dayes of pardoñ of penaunce to þem enionyd, in the stede, and by the auctorite, of þe saide lorde Bisshop of lincoln, to þe
 28 which he put to his seale: i-geve þe daye and 3ere aforenamyd.

for re-writing and re-sealing the deed, in case of damage. Each new abbot of Oseney (personally or by deputy) to renew these covenants at Colchester, and offer a bezant of gold, under penalty as above. Oseney to discharge all burdens due by said tithe.

* leaf 32. 1273, June 21. Dedication of St. Mary's church, Great Barton, by deputy of the diocesan, with grant of indulgence at the anniversary.

¹ 'anocetur, quod, quociens visum fuerit monachis expedire, debet ista scriptura.'

² Repeated unnecessarily.

³ 'And' = 'if': 'si et hoc non fuerit observatum.'

⁴ *sic*. The Latin is 'onera eisdem decimis incidentia.'

⁵ 'perpetuum' agreeing with 'robur.'

⁶ 'penes memoratos monachos.'

⁷ Name noted in margin. The dedication may have been on occasion of rebuilding the church: but Rev. H. Salter tells me that, at this period, there were so many dedications in Lincoln diocese that it is

difficult to account for them by the rebuilding theory. The English greatly condenses the Latin.

⁸ i. e. Reginald, bishop of Cloyne. In 1273 he dedicated the churches of Weston-on-the-Green, Waterperry, Stone, and Barton, and a cemetery at Forest-hill. He died that year.

⁹ Richard de Gravesend, bishop of Lincoln (1258-81).

¹⁰ Latin word left untranslated, by a slip.

¹¹ 'seu aliqua de bonis sibi a deo collatis pie impenderint subsidia caritatis.'

128⁴, Jan.
Confirmation
to
Oseney, by
John (II) of
St. John,

of a mill &
5 yardlands
at Weston-
on-the
Green,

of Steeple
Barton
rectory,

and of all
his pre-
decessors'
grants,

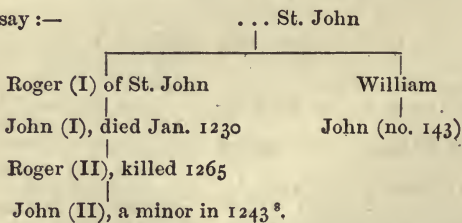
[141.] To all men this writyng to se or to hire, John of Seynte John, lorde of more Barton, helth. Knowe 3e me to haue relesid and vturly to haue quite-claymed, for me and my heyres and myne assynes, to god and to be church of Seynte marye of 4 Oseney and to be chanons þere seruyng god, all the ryght and clayme that I had, or in any maner wise myght haue, (in the 1 ryght and clayme) in the 2 Misse, and v. 3erdes of londe, with all the pertinences, in the townd of Westoñ 3 with-out Burcetur 4, 8 þe which is i-called Symones londe. I haue i-grauntid also and confermed, for me and my heyres and myne assynes for Euer, to be saide church and chanons, the church of more Barton, the which they haue in-to propur visis, with all here pertinences, 12 and also all maner tenementis, with all possessions and fredoms, the which they haue of 3iftes and confermynges of myne aun- ceturs: to be had and to be holde, in-to free and perpetueñ almes, so that nothe I, nothe myne assynes, nothe noone 16 in owre name, oony ryght or clayme in the fore-put thynges hereafter may axe or challenge. In-to witnesse of the which, to this present writyng my seele I haue put to. These witnesses, Sire Richard Willamscothe 5, &c⁹. 20

This 6 writyng was i-made afore sir Salomoñ of Rowchester and his felaw Justices Jurneyng in oxforde-schire, after the fest of Saynte Hillarye in the 3ere of the rayne of Kyng Edwarde the Soone of Kyng Henry xii^o. 24

Notice of
the St.
John
family.

[142.] NOTE 6 that this John of Saynte John was the soone and heyre of Roger of Saynte John (the which 3afe to vs the church of Barton), and gate Roger the which was i-sley in the Bateñ of Eyuesham 7, and that Roger gate John of Saynte John. 28

[NOTE.—That is to say :—



¹ Omit the bracketed words, repeated in error from above.

² Read 'a.'

³ Name noted in margin.

⁴ Bicester.

⁵ Of Kiddington, Sheriff of Oxfordshire this year.

⁶ 'Nota' in margin.

⁷ 'in bello de Euesham.'

⁸ *Testa de Neville*, p. 100 b.

It appears by no. 37 that William of St. John of no. 143 was brother of Roger (I). This will be noted as an instance of the marriage of clerics : cp. no. 147.]

[XXII.] ¶ BARTON ODONYS.

- [143.] HIT is to be noted that Odo of Barton feffid sumtyme Willyam of Saynte John, *person* of the church of more Barton, of owr Milfe of Barton, that Robert of Arsich confermyd to hym.
- 4 The saide Willyam, *person* aforesaide, feffid John of Saynte John, clerke¹, ys soon, of the saide Milfe with londes and his *pertinences*; and the same Iohn in his laste wille Bequathe[d] saide mylle with londes and other *pertinences* to the Howse
- 8 of Oseney, as hit is open By his testament² seelyd with his seale and of his executours, the which 3e schaff fynde i-write with-in þe title of 'the Borowgh of oxonforde,' and confirmacion vpon the same Milfe folowen in this title of 'Barton Odo.'
- 12 [144.] *KNOWE thoo that Be present and to be that I, William of Saynte John, 3afe, grauntid, and confermed and Deliueryd, to John my norysch³, the Milfe of Barton, with all his *pertinences*, that I held and had of Odo, Knyzght of Barton,
- 16 and of his heyres, the which is of the fee of Sir Robert Arsich and Dame lorette of ffontaynes and of Robert ffolioth, for homage and his *seruice*, with the mese and crofte and all the felde.
- [145.] KNOWE thoo that be present and to be that [I],
- 20 William of Saynte John, 3afe, grauntid, and deliueryd, to John my norisch³, the mylle of Barton, with all his *pertinences*, that I held and had of Odo, Knyzght of Barton, and of his Eyres, that is of the ffe of Sir Robert Arsich and of Dame lorette
- 24 of ffontaynes and of Robert ffolioth, for his homage and *seruice*, with a mese and crofte and⁴ all the felde londe the which longeth to the same Milfe,

Descent of Barton mill (as in no. 145),

as confirmed in no. 147.

* leaf 32, back. Unfinished draft of no. 145.

About 1200. Grant to John of St. John, clerk, by his father William, of a mill, messuage, and [an augmented half-yard-land?]

¹ 'clericum suum.'

² Printed in *Engl. Hist. Review*, April 1905.

³ The word 'norisch' = 'alumnus' was perhaps chosen because of the disrepute attaching to the marriage of clerics. In

nos. 143, 147, William is said to be father, and John, son. The Latin is : 'Iohanni nutrito meo.'

⁴ 'et cum tota terra campestri, que pertinet.'

viz. in one field, 8 acres of old land and 6 of increase; and, in the other field, the same amount.

[The sloo-tree.]

that is to say, in j. felde, ij. acris in Dennessewey¹, and ij. acris Bi the mede, and ij. acris in Willanesdene², and ij. vndur the langedale, and ij. By schuckelawe, and ij. By-3onde the way of Bamforde, and halfe j. By foxweſt, and halfe j. By 4 Caldeweſt, and j. By langlaſlade³; and in the oper felde, ij. acris in the northe of the crosse By the wey, and halfe j. in Raggeweyfurlong⁴, and iiij. half-acris in Crotlande, and iiij. halfe-acris in myddulfurlong, and ij. at slo tre forde, and 8 j. in the Northe of the way, and j. atte sloo tre forde, and j. halfe in Etefurlonge, and ij. in langefurlong, and ij. at sloo tre forde By the way, whereof vj. acris ben of newe feffement of myne Demayne, and viij. aforenamed of olde feffement 12 of iiij. feys, Euenlike and⁵ the otheṛ felde: to be had & to holde, to hym and to hys Eyres, of me, or [to] whome-so-Eueṛ (or⁶ aḷl other) to 3eve, to selle, or assyne he willeth, frely quietly and pesibly, and quite fro aḷl seruice and exaccion al so 16 much as longeth to me or to myne, as charters and confirmacions the which of the foresaide Miſte I had, By seruyce of the chefe lordes, witnesse. Thes witnesses, &c.⁹

About 1240? Grant to Oseney, by Henry of Saundon, of lands in Barton and Rousham, with manorial rights,

[146.] KNOWE thay that be now and to Be that I, Henry of 20 Saundeṛ⁷, clerck, 3afe grauntid toke & deliuered, and with this present charter conformed, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god & to þe church of Saynte mary of Oseney and to þe chanons pere seruyng god, aḷl my londe that I had in þe towne of 24 Bartoṇ and in the towne of Rolesham, with aḷl seruices and seruages⁸, men, rentys, medis, fedynges and pastures, with aḷl my courte, and with aḷl the pertinences of the same londe, and what-so-Euer thyng in the foresaide towne of Bartoṇ and 28 Rolesham, or withoute, I had or my3ght haue, withoute oony withholdyng to me and to my heyres: to be holde and to be had for Euer to a free ferme⁹, of me and my heyres, weſt and in pece, frely and holy and quietly fro aḷl seculer seruice 32 exaccion and Demaunde to me or to my heyres longyng, and the same chanons schaff Bere aḷl Burdonṣ of the foresaide londe

¹ Demnesweye.

² Wylauesdene.

³ Langlaweslade.

⁴ Rugweyesfurlung.

⁵ For 'and' read 'in': 'Similiter in alio campo.'

⁶ Omit the bracketed words, inserted in error.

⁷ 'de Saundone.'

⁸ 'seruiciis et seruagiis.'

⁹ Read 'fee-ferme': 'ad feodifirmam.'

in all thynges towarde the Kyng and the chefe lordes, zeldyng
 perof 3erely to me and to my heyres j. marke of Silueſ at
 ij. termes, that is to say, at þe ffest of Saynte Marke [half¹
 4 a mark] and at the ffest of Saynte Myzghell Dj. a marke,
 at Bartoñ, for all ſeruiſe, ſaue the ſeruiſe of iij ʒ. that þe ſaide
 chanons ſchall aquite towarde the Chefe lordes, * that is to say,
 <at² þe ffest of Saynte Marye> towarde Richard ffitz Odo, xvi. d.³
 8 (that is to say, at Eſtuſ, viij. d. [and¹ at the feaſt of Saint
 Myzghell, viii. d.); and to Richard Foliot, iiii. d. (that is to say,
 at Eaſter, ii. d.,) and at þe ffest of Saynte Myzghell ij. d.); Also
 to John De la Veſſell vj. d. at þe ffest of Saynt Myzghell; Also
 12 to Richard of mortoñ x. d. at þe ffest of Seynte Myzghell; and
 ſaue ſcutage, whenne hit goth thorowgh the londe, that þe
 foresaide [canons] ſchall aquite towarde Richard ffitz Odone and
 his heyres (þat is to say, ij. ʒ. iiij. d., how that euer þe ſcutage
 16 goo, weþer it be more or laſſe), and ſaue to Richard ffolioth and
 to his heyres for ſcutage [xviii d.¹ in the ſame manner, and ſave
 to Richard of Morton and his heirs ſcutage] as hit longeth⁴ to
 j. ʒerde londe and j. dj.⁵, the which is of his fee. And I, Henry,
 20 and my heyres, all þe foresaide thynges to þe ſaide chanons
 ſchall warantize agaynſte all meñ and womeñ: and if⁶ oony
 caſe happe, þoo thynges that ben aforeſaide that we may
 not warantize the foresaide chanons in all or in parte, for ſo
 24 moch porcion as I and my heyres may not warantize to them,
 we ſchall ʒeve to them ſufficient Eſchaunge, by the vewe of
 lawfull meñ, in my othiſ londres to a conuenient valewe [and¹
 we ſhall ſatisfy them for loſſes and expenſes, if they have in-
 28 curred any towards any perſons,] for the Defaute of warantizing
 [of¹ me or of my heirs. And that this my grant] Be ſure
 and ſtedeaſt for Euer, hit with this preſent wrytyng and By the
 puttyng to of my ſeale I have i-ſtrengthid. Theſe witneſſe.

Oſeney to
 pay the
 king's de-
 mands, and
 quit-rents
 of ʒs. to the
 chief lords,
 and 13s. 4d.
 to the
 meſne lord,
 * leaf 33.

and ſcutage
 when ſcu-
 tage is
 aſked.

32 [147.] To all criſteñ meñ to þe wich this preſent wrytyng
 ſchall come, Richard ffitz Odone helth. Knowe ʒe all me to
 have i-grawntid, and with this preſent charter to haue i-con-
 About
 1240?
 Confirmation to

¹ Added from the Latin.

² Omit the bracketed words, which are brought in in error.

³ 'xvi. d.,' correctly, in the Latin. The English in error has 'xv. d.'

⁴ 'secundum quod pertinet.'

⁵ MS. repeats 'dj.' in error.

⁶ i. e. 'and if anything occur to prevent our warantizing the aforesaid things to the said canons.'

Oseney,
by Richard
son of Odo,
as feudal
superior,
of (a) that
part of no.
146 which
is of his fee,

subject to
1s. 4d. quit-
rent to his
manor,
and a fixed
charge of
2s. 4d. when
scutage is
asked;
(b) the be-
quest of
John of
St. John,
clerk, as in
no. 143,

and in
no. 145,

subject to
quit-rent of
1s. to his
manor;

* leaf 33,
back.
with re-
nunciation

fermed, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church
of Saynte mary of Oseney & to þe chanons in hit *seruyng* god,
þe 3ifte and Graunte þe which Henry of Saunde¹, clerke, made
to them by his charter of his londe, with þe *pertinences*, þe 4
which hee helde of my ffee in the towne of Barton, and all that
he held of me in þe foresaide towne of þe foresaide fee, within the
towne or with-owte, and all that he helde or myȝht holde: to
be holde and to be had, to þe saide chanon³ for Euer, of the 8
foresaide Henry and his heyres to fee ferme, well and in pece,
frely hooly and worschipfully, in Medys fedynges pasturis,
In waters wayes and patthis and Esementes, with fre Entryng
and gooynge owte, with fredoms and customs to þe foresaide 12
londe *perteynynge*, quietly fro all seculer *seruice* exaccion or
demaunde to me or to my heyres *perteynynge*, zeldyng to me
perof 3erely to me and to my heyres xvj. d. (that is to say,
at Estur viij. d. and at þe ffest of Saynte Mighell viij. d.), saue 16
to me and to my heyres ij. 3. iiij. d. of scutage [when] that
renneth þorowgh þe londe, how-so-euer þe scutage renneth, whe-
per at more or at lasse. ffurþermore, I, Richard, for the helth
of my sowle and of myne aunceturs, grauntid and with this 20
present charter confermed to þe foresaide chanons, and 2 for me
and myne heyres for euer, al so [much] as longeth to me and
myne heyres, the mylle of Barton, with þe mese, and Crofte, and
all þe felde londe to þe same Milte *perteynynge*, and with all his 24
pertinences in the towne and withowte þe towne, the which
Milt, with all his *pertinences*, John of Saynte John, Clerke,
to the Howse of Oseney 3afe, be-quethid, and assined: to be
holde and to be had, to the saide chanons for Euer, in-to free 28
and *perpetuell* almes, well and in pece, with all the integrite or
hoolenysse in the which William of Saynte John, the fadur of
the saide John clerke, all þe foresaide thynges had and holde,
zeldyng to me and to my heyres 3erely at Estur xij. d. for all 32
seculer *seruice* exaccion and Demawnde to me or to my heyres
lengyng. And I, Richard, and my heyres, to þ³ foresaide
chanons for Euer quite have i-clay*med of 3 wardes, relefs,
Eschetes, and of Sutes of my cowrte and of my heyres, and of all 36
exaccions, quarels, and Demaundes, *seruices*, Bondages 4, and all

¹ Saundone.
² Omit 'and.'

³ 'Canonicos . . . quietos clamavimus de wardis.'
⁴ 'servitutibus.'

maner Burdons, so that nother I, nother noone of my heyres or
 successours, ony thyng of all the same Demaundes, Burdons,
 seruices, or Bondages, of þe foresaide chanons, noþer of none
 4 oþer, may axe for Euer, as ¹ to all þe foresaide tenementes with
 all there pertinences, saue to me and to myne heyres allonly
 the foresaide rentys, Also ² and the foresaide scutage. And
 for [this] graunte, quite-clayme, and confirmacion þe saide
 8 chanons ʒafe to me ij. marke, and to Aliʒ my wife j. marke.
 And that my graunte, &c³.

of all other
 feudal
 claims,

Oseney
 paying
 £1 6s. 8d.
 to the con-
 firmer, and
 6s. 8d. to
 his wife.

[148.] To all cristen [men] to whome this presente writyng
 schall come Richard ffolioth of Rolesham helth. Knowe ʒe
 12 all me to have grauntid, and with my present charter to have
 confermed, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to the
 church of Saynte Marye of Oseney and to the chanons þere
 seruynge god, the ʒifte and Graunte the which to them made by
 16 his charter Henry of Saunde³, clerke, of all his londe, with his
 pertinences, the which he helde of my ffee in Barton and Role-
 sham, that they [may] have and holde, hooly, frely, and pesibly,
 ʒeldyng ʒerely to me and to my heyres for the foresaide londe of
 20 Barton iiij. d. (that is to say, at Estur ij. d. and at þe feste
 of Saynte Mighe¹ ij. d.) and for scutage xvij. d. when and
 who ⁴ so Euer it renne þorowgh all ⁵ þe londe. Also for the
 foresaide londe of Rolesham, j. li. of Comyn at cristemas, and
 24 xvij. d. for scutage whenne and whoo ⁴ so euer it renne þorowgh
 alle ⁶ þe londe, for all seculer service exaccion and Demaunde.
 ffurþermore, I, Richard, for me and myne heyres, quite-clayme
 the foresaide chanons and þere men and the londes aforenamed,
 28 with þe pertinences oft hem, for euer, of relefs, all wardes, [and
 escheats] and sutes of my courte and of myne heyres, and of
 all other sutes, claymes, and Demaundes, and Burdons or charges,
 the which may be axid of that londe, al so moche as to me and
 32 myne heyres longeth, sauynge þe fornamed rentes and scutages.
 And for this graunte, confermyng, and quite-claymyng, the
 foresaide chanons ʒafe to me iiij. marke of siluer and dʒ. And
 that this graunte and quite-clayme, &c³.

About
 1240?
 Confirma-
 tion to
 Oseney, by
 Richard
 Foliot, as
 feudal
 superior,

of that part
 of no. 146
 which is
 of his fee,

subject to
 quit-rents
 of (a) 4d.,
 with 1s. 6d.
 for scutage,

and (b) a lb.
 of cummin,
 with 1s. 6d.
 for scutage;

with re-
 nunciation
 of all other
 feudal
 claims,

Oseney pay-
 ing £3 for
 this con-
 firmation.

¹ 'quantum ad.'

² 'simul et.'

³ Sandone.

⁴ i. e. 'how-so-ever': 'qualitercunque.'

⁵ MS. reads 'þorowgh all þorow.'

⁶ MS. reads 'þorowgh alle þorow.'

About
1240 ?
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Roger
son of
Richard
of Morton,
of that part
of no. 146
which is
of his fee,

subject to
10d. quit-
rent to his
manor, and
18. 8d. when
scutage is
asked.

* leaf 34.

1247,
June,
Surrender
to Oseney,

by Henry
of Barton,

of two yard-
lands in
Barton and
Rousham,

[149.] To all cristen men to the which this present writyng
schall come Roger ffirst Richard of Morton helth in owre lorde.
Knowe 3e that I, Roger, graunte, and conferme with this
present charter, ffor me and myne heyres and myne assynes 4
for Euer, to god and to þe church of Saynte Marye of Oseneye
and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, all londes, medys, fedynges,
pastures, and tenementes, the which they have of the 3ifte of
Henry of Saundon and By the confirmacion of my ffaduþ, in the 8
towne of Barton and withowte, of my fee: to be holde and to
be had, to þe saide chanons and to þere successours, in-to per-
petueff almes, sauynge to me and to my heyres the rent of x. d.
3erely at þe ffest of saynte Mizghell, and sauynge to me and 12
to my heyres for scutage xx. d. allonely, whenne scutage renneth
generally thorowgh all Inglonde, for all thyng the which of the
londe or of 1 the londe may or schall mowe to be axid for Euer.
And I, Roger, and myne heyres or my assynes, all the foresaide 16
thynges with the pertinences, for * the foresaide 3erely rent and
for þe forsaid scutage, agaynste all men for Euer schall
warantize, aquite, and Defende: and that this my graunte, &c².

[150.] THIS is a finall concorde i-made In the Cowrte of 20
owr lorde the Kyng at oxonford, fro the Daye of þe Holy trinite
in-to the xv. Daies, In the 3ere of the Reyne of Kynge Henry
the soone of Kyng John xxxj^o, afore Roger of Turkelby, Gilbert
of preston, Master Symonde of Bampton 2, and John of Cobbe- 24
ham, Justices Journeyng, and otheþ true men of owre lorde the
Kyng þenne þere Beyng present, Bitwene John, Abbot of Ose-
neye, playner, and Henry of Barton, letter 3, of two plow-londes
with the pertinences in Barton and Rolesham, Whereof plee 4 of 28
'warantize of the charter' whas i-summoned Bitwene them in
the same cowrte, that is to say, that þe same Henry knowlegid
to 5 þe foresaide londe to be the Ry3ght of the same Abbot and
of is church of Oseney, pat 6 that þe which þe same Abbot and 32
the foresaide church haueþ þey haue hit of the 3ifte of the
saide Henry: to be had and to be holde to þe same Abbot and

1 Read 'for.'

2 'de Bautone': read 'Wauton.'

3 'impedientem.'

4 'placitum warantie carte.'

5 Omit 'to.'

6 In the Latin, 'ut illam quam.' The translator, having taken 'ut' as 'that' (instead of 'as'), had to insert 'þey haue hit' (not in the Latin) to make sense.

to his successours and to his church aforesaide, in-to ffre and
 perpetueſſ almes for Euer, ȝeldyng þerof ȝerely j. marke of Siluer
 at ij. termes At Barton, *videlicet* medietatem, þat is to say,
 4 halfe, at þe ffeſt of Seynte Miȝgheſſ, & the otheꝛ halfe at þe
 ffeſte of Saynte Miȝgheſſ¹ In marche, And Doyng þerof to
 þe chefe lordes of that ffee aſſ otheꝛ *seruices* þe which to þe
 foresaide londe *perteynen*. And the same Henry and his heyres
 8 schall warantize to þe forsaide Abbot and his successours and to
 the church a-foresaide þe foresaide londe, with his *pertinences*, as
 ffre and his perpetueſſ almes, By the foresaide *seruices*, agaynste
 aſſ meñ for Euer. And the saide Abbot receyued þe foresaide
 12 Henry and his heyres in aſſe Benefettes and prayers þe which
 hereafter schall Be Doone In his church aforesaide for Euer.

subject to
 13s. 4d.
 quit-rent to
 his manor,

Oseney con-
 ceding him
 commemo-
 ration in
 the con-
 ventual
 prayers.

[151.] KNOWE þoo that Be present and to come that I,
 Richard ffolioth of Rolesham, for þe helth of my sowle and
 16 of þe sowles of my aunceturs and successours, haue i-grauntid
 and with my present Charter confermed; to² me and my heyres
 for Euer, as muche as to me and my heyres *perteyneth*, to god
 and to þe church of Saynte Marye of Oseney and to þe chanons
 20 þere *seruyng* god, the Miſſe of Barton, with þe mese, and
 Crofte, and aſſ þe felde londe to þe same Miſſe *perteynyng*, and
 with aſſ his *pertinences* in the towne and withowte þe towne,
 þe which Miſſe, with aſſ his *pertinences*, John of Saynte John,
 24 clerke, to þe same Howse of Osenaye ȝafe, Bequethid; and
 assined: to Be holde & to Be had; to þe saide chanons for Euer,
 in-to ffre and perpetueſſ almes, well and in pece, with aſſ
 integrite or þe holenesse In the which William of Saynte John,
 28 the ffadur of þe saide John clerke, aſſ þe foresaide thynges had
 and helde, ȝeldyng to me and to myne heyres ȝerely ij. ȝ. off
 sterlynges at iiij. termes (that is to say, at cristmasse vj. d.,
 and at Estur vj. d., and at þe ffeſt of saynte John þe Baptiste
 32 vj. d., and at þe ffeſt of Saynte Miȝgheſſ vj. d.) for aſſ *seruice*,
 secular exaccion, and Demaunde, to me or to my heyres *per-
 teynyng*. And that this My graunte, &c³.

About
 1240.
 Confirmation
 to
 Oseney, by
 Richard
 Ffoliot, as
 ffeodal
 superior,
 of the
 legacy in
 no. 143,

as in
 no. 145,
 subject to
 2s. quit-
 rent to his
 manor.

[152.] A³ quite-clayme of Hugh De la Vesselle of A Rent
 36 of vj. d. ȝerely. About
 1240.

¹ Read 'Mary in March,' i. e. Ladyday.

² Read 'for': 'pro me.'

³ 'Nota' in the margin.

* leaf 34,
back.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Hugh de la
Vescele,

of a quit-
rent of 6d.
held as
feudal
superiority
over land
and
meadow,
part of
no. 146,
reserving
1d. quit-
rent.

About
1245.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Hugh,
clerk,

of 4s. rent-
charge in
Barton
Odonis

(to be a
pittance
at Oseney),
with all
manorial
rights re-
presented
by it.

* To alle cristen men these present letters to see or hire, Hugh de la Vesselle, soone and heyre of John de la Vesselle, helth in owre lorde. Knowe 3e all me, for the helth of my sowle, to haue relesid, and to haue quite-claymed, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of saynte marye of Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, a 3erely rente of vj. d. the which I was i-wooned to receyue, of the saide chanons of Saynte marye of Oseneye, By the reson of xxxij. ⁸ acris [of land] with mede and his pertinences, þe which all ¹ þe same chanons haued in the felde of the more Barton and ² of the 3ifte of Henry Saundon (to þe which ³ my ffadu all þese thynges sumtyme 3afe By his charter, for his homage and ¹² seruice) vnto þente ⁴ of j. d. 3erely to be i-zelded to me and to my heyres, at Oseneye, At þe ffest off Saynte Mi3ghell 3erely. In-to witnesse, &c⁹.

[153.] KNOWE 3e that Be present and to come that I, Hugh ¹⁶ Clerke ⁵ of Barton, for the helth of my sowle and of þe Sowles of my ffadu and modu and of my Benefeturs, haue i-3eue, grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Saynte Marye ²⁰ of Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, a Rente of iiij. s. 3erely in Barton Odonis, the which to me was i-woned to pay John ffijt Warner of the same Barton, my kynnesmanne ⁶, for dñ. and hide of londe with þe pertinences in the same Barton, ²⁴ to ⁷ which to hym I 3afe for his homage and seruice: to be holde and to be had, to þe saide church and chanons for Euer, in-to ffre and perpetuell almes, to pietaunce of þe Couent, with all the ry3ght that in the same Rent I had or my3ght haue, ²⁸ to be take By the handes of the saide John and of his Eyres 3erely in the ffurst ⁸ Day of the mone of lente, well and in pece, ffrely and quietly fro all secular seruice, exaccions, customes, sutes, and Demaundis. And I, Hugh Clerke, and my heyres, ³² the saide Rente to the saide chanons and church ffor Euer schaff warantize agaynste all men & women, and schaffe Defende;

¹ 'quae omnia iidem Canonici.'

² Omit 'and.'

³ 'to þe which' = to whom.

⁴ sic, for 'unto þe rente': 'usque ad redditum.'

⁵ 'clericus.'

⁶ 'gener meus.'

⁷ Read 'the.'

⁸ i. e. on the first Monday in Lent: 'prima die lune.'

and of all thynges the which of suche ffeffement, or [for] suche, may be i-axid, we schall aquite. And that this my zifte, &c^o.

[154.] * To all cristen men to be which this present wrytyng
 4 schall come, John ffirst Warnere of Barton helth. To all your
 knowlege I will hit to come, me, of be assynnyng of Hugh clerke
 my ffadu in lawe, to be holde and to Be Bownde to John,
 Abbot, and to be couent of the church of Seynte mary of Oseney,
 8 and to pere successours for Euer, to a payment of a zerele rente
 of iiij. s., to A petauce of the same couente, be which rente to
 pay I whas i-woned to be saide Hugh for dj. an hide of londe
 with be pertinences in Barton. Odonis, be which to me zafe
 12 be same Hugh for my homage and service: perfore this rente
 I, John, and my heyres, to be saide church and chanons for
 Euer withoute¹ hardenysse schall pay, to be forsaide petauce,
 be moneday nexte of lente Euery zere at Oseney, of be which
 16 rente soo i-paide they have be charter of be saide Hugh, and of
 be which rente so [to be] i-paide I² made sewte with an othe,
 for me and myne heyres, In the chapter of Oseneye, vppo the
 texte of the same church, the³ which me in A-nothir time toke
 20 me in-to here prayers and Benefetes of there Bretherhede, [and]
 In counsells to me and to * myne heyres or my children [is] not
 to fayle. This wrytyng was i-made At Oseney In the Vigile of
 Witsonday, pat is to say, in the Day⁴ of saynt Osith Virgine,
 24 In the zere of be Rayne of Kyng Henry be soone of Kyng John
 xxix. In-to be strenght, &c^o.

1245,
 June 3.
 Acknowledgement
 to Oseney,
 by Johnson
 of Warner,
 of obligation
 to pay
 the rent-
 charge, as
 in no. 153.

[Oath on
 the Gos-
 pels.]
 Oseney
 promising
 * leaf 35.
 him com-
 memora-
 tion in the
 conventual
 prayers.

[155.] Know þoo that Be present and þoo that Be to come
 that I, Odo ffirst Warnere of Barton, ffor my helth and of myne,
 28 zafe and grauntid, and with my present charter consermed, for
 me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to be church of Saynte
 marye of Oseney and to be chanons pere seruyng god, In-to ffree
 pure and perpetuell almes, x. acris of londe, with be pertinences,
 32 in the feldes of Barton,

About
 1245.
 Grant to
 Oseney,
 by Odo, son
 of Warner,

of be which v. acris lieth in the Northfelde In-to this maner: of 5 acres
 pat is to say, j. acre lieth in Halfurlonge, and ij halfe-acris In in North
 field,

¹ 'sine difficultate.'

² 'de quo redditu sic solvendo, fidelitatem feci.'

³ 'qu[a]e me alias suscepit.'

⁴ This second date is a difficulty. In 1245 Whitsun-Eve was June 3, i. e. Pega Virgo. Osith, Regina et Martyr, is Oct. 7.

in strips ; Vtfurlonge, and ij. halfe-acris In longefurlonge, and j. halfe-acre stretcheth In-to Senewellyslade and j. dñ.-acre In-to¹ Hurstane-furlong þe which is towarde þe North, and j. hede for j. dñ.-acre at Crotteslondes² Ende, and dñ. be-þonde þe slade ;

and 5 acres
in the
South field,
in strips.

And In the sowthfelde lyeñ v. acris In this maner : that is to say, j. acre in the Ende of þe towne, and j. acre at stanelawe, and j. acre in Middulforlonge, and ij. [half]-acris in Huntfur-longe, and j. acre in longefurlonge :

to be holde and to be had, to þe saide chanons for Eueñ, weñ and in pece, ffrely [and] quietly fro all seculer service exaccion and Demaunde, In-to ffre pure and perpetueñ almes. And I and myne heyres all þe fornamed thynges to þe saide chanons schall warantize agaynste all pepull and schall defende and aquite agaynste the chefe lordes and all meñ ffor Euer³ of all seruices and seruages and Demaundes and of all thynges that may be axid. In-to witnesse, &c².

About
1245.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
John son
of Warner,
of his
brother's
gift, as in
no. 155.

[156.] KNOW þo that Be present and to Be that [I], John ffigt Warnere off Bartoñ, for myne helth and of myne, grauntid and with my charter confermed, for me and myne heyres ffor Euer, to god and to þe church of Saynte Marie off Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, þe zifte þe which to þem made Odo ffigt Warnere my Broþer of x. acris of londe with þe per-tinences in Bartoñ of þe which v. acris lieñ in the Northfelde þ, and hit is in the charter afore-writen.

About
1245.
Grant to
Oseney, by
John, clerk,
son of
Warner, of
a meadow-
patch,
Oseney
promising
commemo-
ration in
the con-
ventual
prayers.

[157.] KNOW þoo þat Bene now and to Be that I, John Clerke⁴ ffigt Warnere is sone⁵ of Bartoñ Odonis, 3afe and grauntid, with þe assent and wille of Richard my ffurst sone and heyre, and with my present charter confermed, for the helth of my sowle and of margerye my wyfe and of myne aunceturs and successours, j. litull parte of my mede In Medham Bitwene ij. poles, in-to pure perpetueñ and ffre almes, to god and to saynte Marye of Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god and owñ lady saynte Marye, that for Euer my sowle and the sowles of my aunceturs and of my successours in þere prayers

¹ Read 'in.'

² Croftes londes.

³ MS. repeats 'for Euer.'

⁴ 'clericus.'

⁵ 'is sone' is superfluous. The Latin is 'filius Warneri de Barthona.'

pay haue i-commendid. And I John and myne heyres the forsaide lituſſ parte of mede to þe same chanonſ schaff warantize and Defende for Euer agaynste all pepuſſ, &c^o.

- 4 [158.] To all cristen men this present writyng to see thabbot of Enysham and the Dene of Oxonforde Euerlastyng helth in owr lorde. Know 3e all vs þe Maundement of owr lorde the pope to haue i-take in these wordes—
- 8 Honorye, Bisshop, *seruaunte* of the *seruauntes* of god, to his Beloued soones, thabbot of Enysham, Prior of saynte *ffrides-withe, and the Deene of oxonforde of lincoln Diocese, helth and the popes Blesshyng. þat¹ þe Beloued ssones, thabbot and
- 12 couent of Oseney, of the ordre of saynte Austen, to vs playnyng, have i-schewed that where thabbot and Couent of lyre² of þe ordre of Saynte Benedicte and summe oþer of Hereford and Wyrceſter diocese and of lincoln Diocese vpon tithis and other
- 16 thynges doo wronge to þem. Therefore truly to 3our discrecion, By the popes writyng, we charge that, þe parties i-called, 3e hyre þe cause and (apelyng removed) with Dew Ende 3e endid³, doyng⁴ þat 3e Decree By censure of þe church to be i-kepid.
- 20 And þe witnesses that Be i-called, if they þem-selfe for grace, hate, or drede, withdrawe them, By þe same censure (appelyng cesyng) 3e constrayne to Bare witnesse: And if that 3e all to pese thynges to Be executid may not Be att⁵, tweyne of 3ow
- 24 þoo thynges, not-witstandyng, do execute. The Date at lateranyſ, iiij^o none of December, of owr Bisshopehoode þe iiij. 3ere.
- þerfore By the auctorite of these letters, thabbot and Couent
- 28 of Oseney, By there procuratour in owre presence i-sette, ij. parties of þe tithis of þe Demayne of Robert Arsic In lituſſ Bartoñ saide, of þe commune lawe, to pere church of grete Bartoñ to perteyne, þe which of thabbot of ffescampe vtterly
- 32 they axid, The which By his procuratour, that is to say, Roger thenne or that tyme prior⁶ of Cogges, afore vs thenne comperyd. Thenne when þe same procuratour, at⁷ all þe cawse

1220.
Suit
between
Oseney and
Fécamp
abbey in
Normandy,

* leaf 35,
back.

about
tithes,

decided by
papal com-
missioners,

appointed
Dec. 2, 1219,

Oseney
claiming
3rds of
the tithe
of the de-
mesne land
of Little
Barton;

¹ Omit 'that.'

² 'de Lyra.'

³ Read 'end it.'

⁴ 'facientes quod decreveritis . . . obser-

vari.'

⁵ 'interesse.'

⁶ 'tunc temporis prior.'

⁷ 'procurator, ad totam causam motam . . . datus.'

but accepting the offer by Fécamp abbey of a perpetual lease of the tithes at a quit-rent of 10s. to be paid to Cogges priory. Penalty of £1 on the breaker of this agreement.

i-moved vppon þe saide tithis Bitwene þe forsaide Abbotes and Couentes [i-sett], letters of procuresyis i-geve afore vs in Juggement he¹ schewed; in the which was i-conteyned that Abbot and Couent of ffescampe wolde and willed to be ferme what 4 that Euer² þe saide prior in that cawse did. At þe last, after many altercacions Bitwene parties, þe strife ffrendely in this restid; þat is to say, that þe foresaide procuratour of thabbot and Couent off ffescampe to thabbot and Couent of Oseney the 8 forsaide tithis to A perpetueff ferme grauntid; and the same into Bodely possession ledde in³, for x. ð. of sterlinges Euery 3ere, at Oseneye, to þe prior of Cogges, at þe ffest of Seynte Mizgheff or within þe vtas of þe same, to Be paide; and if oony 12 of þe saide parties agaynste þe saide composicion come, to þe oper partie xx. ð. he schall paye. For this cawse we, hauyng this composicion ferme, By the Auctorite of owr lorde pope hit haue i-Juggid to conferme. In-to witnesse of the which and 16 perpetueff mynde, &c⁹.

1350,
Oct. 13.
Exchange between Oseney and Sir William of Sharneshull, Oseney giving messuages, a mill, land, and meadow in Barton and Rousham, and taking messuages, a mill, land, and meadow in Little Tew, Sandford, and Oxford,

under licence in mortmain,

[159.] Know thoo þat Be nowe and to Be that we, thomas, By the suffryng of god Abbot of Oseney, and of þe same place Couente, have i-geve, grauntid; and with this present charter 20 confermed; to be-loued to vs in criste, Sir William Scharehull, Knyght, vj. meses, j. water myffe, xvj. 3erdes of londe and vj. acris of mede, with þe pertinences, in Barton Odonis and Rowlesham (that is to say, all þe tenementes þe which in Barton Odonis And Rowlesham we had; excepte j. gardeyne, j. crofe, and x. acris of londe, with þe pertinences; in the towne of Barton Odonis aforesaide) In-to an Eschaunge for viij. mesis, iij. cogates⁴, j. water myffe, xiiij. 3erdes of londe, xx^{ti} acris 28 of mede, and j. schoppe, with þe pertinences, in litull tywe, Sanforde, and oxonford, þe which sothely tenementes in litull tywe, Sanforde, and oxonford we had of þe 3ifte and feffement of þe foresaide Sir William in-to þe Above-saide Eschaunge, as in 32 the charter of the licence of þe Kynge of Inglonde and of ffraunce Bothe to vs and to þe forsaide Sir William per-of i-grauntid fully is conteyned: to be had and to holde to⁵ the

¹ Read 'had.'

² 'quicquid.'

³ 'induxit.'

⁴ In error. Latin is 'tribus cotagiis.'

⁵ Omit 'to.'

forsaide vj. mesis, myffe, xvj. 3erdes of londe, and vj. Acris [of mead], with the *pertinences*, in Bartoñ Odonis and Rowlesham, to þe forsaide William, his Eyres, and his assynes, of þe
 4 chefe lordes of that ffee By *seruices perof* Dewe and wonyd for Euer, that is to say, all the tenementes * the which we had * leaf 36.
 in the forsaide townes of Bartoñ Odonis and Rowlesham,

except the forsaide gardeyne, crofte, and x. acris of londe, with ther *pertinences*, in the towne of Bartoñ Odonis aforesaide, the which we reserue and reteyne to vs and to owr successours to A-Bide, with there *pertinences* in Euery place, as ffree comune of pasture to owre Bestes all maner of kynde to Be fedde in
 12 feldes and pasturis of þe towne of Bartoñ Odonis aforesaide, also with ffree Entre and Goyng owte in Euery place, as we and owre predecessours to ¹ have be i-wooned in tymes a-passid, þe which also gardeyne and crofte in the towne of Bartoñ
 16 Odonis Been i-ioyned to þe gardeyne of owre dwellyng in grete Bartoñ, as forthe By ² the hegges and walles to-gedur they beñ i-closed inne, And the forsaide x. acris By places lien in the Northefelde of the foresaide towne with owre syne woonyd i-seeled.
 20 In-to wnesse of þe which thyng we haue i-put to owr commune seale. Date at Oseney, In owr chapter Howse, the Wodenysday nexte after þe xv. day of seynte Miçghel Archangell, In the 3ere of the Rayne of Kynge Edwarde of Inglonde and of ffrance,
 24 that is to say, of Inglonde xxiiij. of ffrance xjo.

with re-
 servation
 to Oseney
 of certain
 lands in
 Barton,
 and of
 rights of
 common
 pasture.

[Oseney
 mark on
 boundary-
 stones.]

[XXIII. HYDE AND WESTCOTE BARTON.]

[160.] KNOWE þoo that Be now and to Be that I, thomas of Hide, 3afe grauntid and confermed, to god and to þe church of seynte Marye of Oseney, and to sir Richard³ Abbot of Oseney
 28 and to þe chanon þere *seruyng* god, xxv. acris of arable londe, with all þere *pertinences*, in the ffeldes of Westcote Bartoñ, In-to pure and perpetueñ almes, whereof xij. acris of londe lien in the North felde at Radaweste, that is to say, in þe telth
 32 þe which is i-called Brerefurlonge; And in the southfelde,

About
 1260.
 Grant to
 Oseney, by
 Thomas of
 Hide,
 of 25 acres
 in Westcote
 Barton, viz.
 12 in North
 field,
 12 in South
 field,

¹ Omit 'to.'

² 'prout per.'

³ Richard of Apletre, abbot 1254-68.

i in Moyles
Breche,

with their
pasture-
rights,

free of all
manorial
burdens.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

(*pe*¹ which) vppoñ Ramme dune, iij. telthis, *pe* which conteyned
xij. acris; And j. acre in Moyles Breche, By the londe of petur
of Barton: to be holde and to Be had, to the saide church and
chanonẽ and to pere successours, weñ and in pece, frely and 4
quietly, in fedyng and pasturis, with ffree Entre and goyng
owte porogh all *pe* felde of Westcote Barton for Euer. I have
i-grauntyd Also, for me and myne heyres and myne assynes,
pat *pe* saide Abbot and chanons and there successours beñ quite 8
for Euer of all maner sutes of courtes, helpys, tallages, scutages,
and of all exaccions and Demaundes for Euer. And I thomas
and myne heyres or myne assynes *pe* forsaide xxv. acris, with
all pere pertinences, to *pe* saide Abbot and chanons and to pere 12
successours, agaynste all cristen meñ and Jues schaff warantize,
Aquite, and defende, as pure and perpetueñ almes. And that
pis my zifte, &c^o.

About
1260.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Peter of
Westcote
Barton,
of no. 160.

[161.] KNOWE all meñ that I, petur of Westcote Barton, 16
haue i-grauntid, for me and my heyres and myne assynes, and
with this present charter have i-confermed, to god and to *pe*
church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to *pe* chanonẽ in hit ser-
uyng god, *pe* zevyng the which to theme maade Thomas of 20
Hide of londis and tenementes the which Beñ of my ffee in
Westcote Barton: to Be holde [and] to be had to *pe* saide church
and chanonẽ, in-to pure and perpetueñ almes, as *pe* charters
pe which they have of ffeffement fully witnessen. In-to wit- 24
nesse, &c^o.

About
1270.
Grant to
Oseney, by
John le
free,
of an acre,

with its
pasture-
rights.
* leaf 36,
back.

[162.] KNOWE 3e that Be present and to Be that I, John
lee ffree of Westcote Barton, 3afe, grauntid, and with this
present charter confermed, to god and to *pe* church of saynte 28
marye of Oseney and to *pe* chanonẽ in hit seruyng god, j. acre
of Arable londe in the ffelde of Westcoote Barton, with all his
pertinences, *pe* which acre lieth in the telth the which is i-callid
Doddpendenes Holde: to Be holde and to Be had, to *pe* saide 32
church and chanonẽ, in-to pure and perpetueñ almes, with ffre
Entre and gooyng-owte porowgh all the felde of Westcote Bar-
ton. And I, John, and my heyres or myne Assynes, *pe* * said

¹ Omit '*pe* which.'

acre, with the *pertinences*, to þe saide church and chanons schaff [Warranty
warantize, aquite, and Defende, agaynste all cristen men And against
Juys. And that this my gifte, &c^o. Jews.]

- 4 [163.] HIT is to Be i-knowe that we haue:—To all cristen About
men to þe which this present writyngschaff come John lee ffre 1270.
of lituiff Barton helth in owre lorde. Know 3e all me to haue Grant to
i-3eve, grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, to Oseney, by
8 god and to seynte Marie and to ffrere William Sutton¹ By John le
þe suffryng of god Abbot of Oseneye and to þe chanons of the free,
same place þere seruyng god, j. acre of my arable londe, with
all his *pertinences*, In the ffelde of lituiff Barton, for the helth
12 of my sowle and of the helth of my aunceturs, of þe which j. dñ. of half-an-
acre lieth of þe Est parte of Sondeway towarde Dunstue By the acre,
londe of William Geffray, And a-nothe^r dñ.-acre in the same and half-
ffelde, that is to say, In Wolkelonde², By the londe of the same an-acre.
16 William Geffray: to Be had and to Be holde that Acre, with his
pertinences, In-to pure and perpetueff almes, for my sowle and
þe sowle of my aunceturs for Euer. And [I] John, and my
heyres, þe saide acre of londe, with his *pertinences*, to god and
20 to saynte Mary and to the saide William, Abbot, and to þe saide
chanoñs, schaff warantize, defende, & aquite, agaynste all mor-
tall men for Euer. And that this my gifte, &c^o.

[XXIII. SANDFORD.]

- [164.] HIT is to Be i-know that we have j. Dwellyng and Reference
24 j. acre of londe in þe towne & ffelde of Saunford of þe gifte to no. 139(?).
of Munckes of Colchester as it is opyn By the composicion
Bitwene theme and vs, as hit is i-schewed In the title of þe
'grete Barton.'

- 28 [165.] KNOWE tho that Be present and to Be that I, John About
of Seynte John, 3afe, grauntid, and confermed with this present 1250?
charter, to god And to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney Grant to
and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, that mese at Sanforde that Oseney, by
32 is nexte to þe church towarde þe sowth, with þe curtilage that John (? II)
of St. John,

¹ Abbot 1268–84.² Wowlonde.

of a messuage,² curtilages, and a dovehouse,

subject to 3s. quit-rent to his manor.

About 1260.

Grant by Oseney, to Walter, vicar of Sandford St. Martin, of life-rent of nos. 164 and 165,

quit-rent to be either 5s., or 3s. with gift of a lamprey on eve of Palm-Sunday,

and, at his death, a heriot.

is towarde þe sowth, [and] with þe curtilage that is towarde þe Est By the Coluerhowse, and with þe same Coluerhowse: to Be holde and to Be had, to þe same chanons for Euer, of me and myne heyres, ffrely quietly pesibly and hooly, 3eldyng þerof 4 3erely In ij. termes of the 3ere iij. 3. (that is to say, at þe ffest of Seynte Migheff, xvij. d.; and in þe Annunciacion of Saynte Marie, xvij. d.) for all seculer service, exaccion, and Demaunde, to me or to my heyres perteynyng. And I and myne heyres 8 schaff warantize the saide Mese to þe saide chanons for Euer agaynste all men. And in-to witenesse, &c^o.

[166.] A charter Agaynste Walter, Vicar of Sanforde, of þe mese & curtilage.

KNOWE all men that in this maner hit was A-cordid Bitwene Richard¹ Abbot of Oseney and þe Couent of þe same place 12 of þe oone partie, and Sir Water Vicar of Saunford of þe oper, þat is to say, þat þe saide Abbot and couent toke and lete to þe forsaide Water, alonly to his wife², ij. 3 meses at Saunforde, with þe pertinences, þe which ij. mesys⁴ ben nexte i-Joyned to 16 þe howses þe which to þe Vicarage of Saunforde perteyne of þe Sowth partye, with þe curtilage þe which is towarde þe sowth, and with þe curtilage þe which is towarde þe Est abowte þe Coluerhowse, and with þe same Coluerhowse, with 20 all his oper pertinences, for v. 3. 3erely, or for iij. 3. and j. lamprey, to þe saide Abbot and Couent and to þe successors 3erely to Be paide (þat is to say, at þe Annunciacion of Seynte Marie, xvij. d.; and in the Vigill of palmes, j. lamprey or ij. 3.; 24 and at þe ffest of Seynte Migheff, xvij. d.) for all service, sauynge napeles to saide Abbot and Couent and to þe successors þe Best best⁵ of the foresaide Water whenne he in-to deth passith. In-to witenesse, &c^o.

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1273,
June 20.

[167.] Dedicacion of the chapel of Saunford.

* leaf 37.
Dedication
of Sandford

* REYNOLDE, By the grace of god Bisshop of Clone⁶, &c^o, In the stede of þe worschipsuff fadur lorde Richard, Bisshop of

¹ Probably Richard of Apletre, abbot 1254-68,

² Read 'life'; 'tantum ad vitam suam.'

³ 'quaedam messuagia.'

⁴ 'qu[a]e quidem messuagia.'

⁵ 'best' = beast.

⁶ i. e. Cloyne: see no. 129. The English cuts down the deed. In the Latin, 'the chapel of St. Martin of Sanford' is said to be 'subject to the parish church of Great Barton.'

lincoln, In the xij. KK. of Julie In the 3ere of oure lorde
 M̄ CC Lxxiij., halowed the Chapell of Saunforde and the high
 auter, In the Bisshoprich of lincoln, In the stede of þe worschip-
 4 full ffadur lorde Richard, Bisshop of lincoln; and By his
 auctorite, trustyng of þe mercy of all-myȝhty god and of seynte
 marie Euer virgyne and meritis of saynte martine and of all
 sayntys, to all very contrite pepull and confessid þe which
 8 þe Above-saide chapell Euery 3ere in þe saide Daye and þorowgh
 þe Vtas for cause of Deuocion wille visite hit, or¹ oony goodes
 or goode dedis of charite [shall do there], xl. daies of penaunce
 to þem enioyned relesid. In-to witnesse, &c².

St. Martin
 chapel
 by the de-
 puty of the
 diocesan :

indulgence
 to worship-
 pers on
 the anni-
 versary.

[XXV. LEDWELL.]

[168.] A Sentence diffinitife agaynste Drue of Preaus
 of þe tithis in ledwell.

12³³,
 March 5.

12 To all cristen pepull to whome this presente writyng schall
 come Robert dene² & A. chaunceler of þe church of Salisbury
 euerlastyng helth in owr lorde. þe maundement of owr lorde
 pope In-to pese wordes Gregorius³ seruus seruorum dei, &c².
 16 Our Beloued Soones thabbot and Couent of Oseney, ꝛ. By the
 auctorite of this maundement we haue i-cited Drue⁴, person of
 þe church of more Tywe, at þe Instaunce of þe saide Abbot and
 Couent, ꝛ. vppon the tithis and all parisch ryȝht þe which þe
 20 same Drue, In the name of his church of Tywe, whas i-woned
 to take within the Bondes of theme⁵ of Barton, þe which of
 commune ryȝht pay axid, þe parties By procuratours In Jugge-
 ment comperyng, ꝛ. At þe laste, procuratour of þe saide Drue,
 24 of þe Entent of the saide Abbot and Couent in Juggement fully
 confessid, bothe þe saide tithis & parisch ryȝht, that þe saide
 Drue of þe parisshe of theme at ledewell (that is to say, of
 William of Dicheffe and Adam of Hide) to take whas i-wooned,
 28 ffirely and quietly to þem hee grauntid, And that to þem oony
 Impediment here-after vppon þe same he schall not procure,

Suit by
 Oseney,
 against the
 rector of
 Great Tew,

decided by
 papal com-
 missioners,

said rector
 allowing
 Oseney
 3rds of the
 tithes and
 parisch dues
 from two
 holdings in
 Ledwell,

¹ This clause is a paraphrase : see the Latin formula in no. 129.

² Robert de Hertford, dean 1238-57.

³ Gregory .IX, pope 1227-41. The

commission was issued June 8, 1239.

⁴ Drogo.

⁵ 'infra limites parochie eorum de Barthona.'

Oseney re-
mitting
arrears and
asking no
costs in the
suit.

noper þem let schaff that they mow not all the saide thynges take, In goode feithe he be-heete¹. þenne, þe Entente of þe saide Abbot and Couent i-harde and confession of þe contrarie partie, þe forsaide tithis and parisch ryght to þe forsaide 4 chanons, By cawse of there church of Bartoñ, sentencially whe haue i-Juggid for Euer, silence to þe saide Drue to all þe saide thynges puttyng: to þe Execucion of þe same sentence to Be do, to Archedecon of Oxonforde decreyng to Be Demaundid or 8 axid. And þe procuratour of þe saide Abbot and couent of Oseneye to þe forsaide Drue arrerages and Expensis in þe strife relesid vtterly, þe which were made vppoñ this mater. And we, of the consent of the parties, have reserved to vs Jurisdic- 12 cion [for] Eue to þe constreynyng of þe parties to Be doo, if eyþer partie (that god forbide) wilte Begynne agayne. And to wnesse of this thyng, to this writyng owr seales we haue i-putt to, *℞*, with the seale of the procuratour of the saide Drue : 16 the Date, ffo þe Incarnacion of owr lorde In the 3ere M^oCCxxxix, at Newe Salysbury, þe [iii.] Nonas marcij.

1413,
Dec. 28.

[169.] ffor þe heth of ledewell.

* leaf 37,
back.
Survey, by
the neigh-
bours, of
the boun-
dary-marks
of the Heath
and L'in-
land [= the
inland (i. e.
demesne)]
belonging
to Oseney,

þe pundurday² nexte after the ffest of þe Birth of owr lorde In the 3ere of the Reyne of Kynge Henry the v. after the con- 20 queste jo Come John Wilcotys, * squier, and all his tenautes of þe Moore Barton, ledewell, and Saunforde (were³ well i-sett and stiked) [to⁴ see] that þe Bondis and merestones Bitwene j. felde i-called þe heth ande linlonde and þe londe of þe tenautes 24 and also þe Demayne londe of þe lorde of ledewell and Saunforde where [well] i-sette and stiked⁵. And at þat tyme, In the presence of þe forsaide John Wilcotes, of the parte of Sir Sencleres⁶ pere Beyng, and of John langston of the parte 28 of thabbot of Oseney and of þe Couent, þe forsaide Bondis and Merestones where i-stiked and i-sett By the tenautes vndur-write and moony othir pere i-examed and i-swore to þe

¹ 'promisit.'

² 'die Iovis.'

³ Omit the bracketed words, brought in, in error, from below.

⁴ 'ad videndum quod mete et meer-stones...'

⁵ 'fuerunt bene assesse et fixe.' Is this 'stike' for 'stick,' or an early example of the diphthongation of 'stake,' which is now found, e. g. in Essex.

⁶ 'ex parte domini Senclers' = 'on behalf of the lord of Senclers manor.'

trowght pere-of to Be saide and to Be i-performed, pat is to say,
 By John Duke, Richard Webbe, Geoffrey plestow, Richard Cow-
 per, William 3orke, Richard plestow, Symond Wesey¹, John
 4 tailour, Thomas Kyng, John cockes, Thomas ffox, Thomas Collys,
 John Bosseby, Richard Boveton, and moony other penne pere
 Beyng present. And then John langston, after pe strikyng² of
 pe foresaide Boundis and Merestones, declared to all pe tenautes
 8 aforesaide pat thabbot and Couent above-saide purposenne and
 Entende to close³ all pe forsayde ffelde of le heth and lynlonde
 as here seuerell in all the tymes of pe 3ere, And he axid of pe
 tenautes and oper pere Beyng if [any] of pem wolde⁴ or knewe
 12 oony thyng to say why that he ofte not to close pe saide felde
 and heth as his seuerell, and all saide that he myght well and
 neuer saide pe contrarye. And for Euidence pey say that pe
 forsaide feld sumtyme was parcelle of pe Demayne londe of the
 16 lorde⁵ there, and pey say pat all the Demayne londe is seuerell⁶
 thorowgh pe 3ere. And ffurpermore pe forsaide John langston
 axid of them if they or oony of them oony waye or pathe in pe
 forsaide ffelde or in oony parcelle of pe same in oony tyme of pe
 20 3ere wolde chalenge or [claim⁷], And they answered all nay;
 But pay saide that pe forsaide Abbot and Couent and his pre-
 decessours had A Grene waye fro the towne of ledewell unto pe
 forsaide felde to Dryue all his maner of Bestis pere to Be ffedde
 24 and to Be i-Browght agayne whenne-so-Euer hit plesid them,
 and none oper But by the leve of them, &c⁸.

with a view
to their
being en-
closed.

Verdict
that there
exist no
rights of
common in
said lands,
and no
rights of
way over
them.

[A 'green
way.']

[XXVI. LODEWELL.]

[170.]⁸ Hit is to Be i-myndyd that we have the tithis in
 ledewell of pe 3ifte of Robert Doylly, as it is i-schewed In the
 28 grete charter of pe same, pe which is Abofe In the title 'How
 that pe church of Seynte George was i-3eve to pe chanons of
 Oseneye.'

Reference
to no. 21.

¹ Veysy,

² Read 'stiking'; 'post fixationem.'

³ 'ad includendum.'

⁴ 'vellet vel sciret aliquid dicere.'

⁵ MS. has 'londe,' by a slip; 'dominice

terre domini ibidem.'

⁶ 'separalis.'

⁷ Blank in MS.: 'calumpniare' in Latin.

⁸ 'Nota' in margin.

1257 (P).
Registration of an inquiry held 1257(?) June 11, as to the tithe of the demesne lands in Ledwell, of which Oseney claimed $\frac{2}{3}$ rds and conceded the other $\frac{1}{3}$ rd to the rector of Wootton, by sworn witnesses, before the neighbours, resulting in the defining of the portions from which Oseney took tithe, viz.

of $37\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the West field,

* leaf 38.

and of 40 acres in the East field.

[171.] ¹ KNOWE all men þis present letters to see or to hire that where thabbot and Couent of Oseney have i-take pesibly in the parish of Wotton, fro the tyme of þe which is no mynde, ij. parties of tithes comyng forth of þo Demayne of ledewell of 4 þe honowr of Walyngforde and longyng to þe church of Seynte George In the castell of oxonford; and the person of Wotton the thirde parte of the tithis of þe saide Demayne had i-take, napeles, ouerpat ² and to more surtye, and Inquisicion was i-made, 8 in the Day of Bartholomew pepostle, In the 3ere of owr lorde ³ Mo CC lxxvjo, vpon the forsaide tithis By feithfull men i-swore, that is to say, Petur gigur, Water first Gilbert, John first Reynolde, Geffray first John William ⁴, Henry ⁵ first William, þe ¹² which (and othe i-made) saide,—afore frere Robert Vel ⁶, chanoñ of oseney; Hymbert of the towre, servaunte of master Artolde, thenne person of the church of Wotton; John, lorde of ledewell; Robert of Wotton; John Ermyne; Henry Ermyne; Thomas of 16 ffulwell; John, chapeleyne of Glymton; Jordañ, clerke; and oþer,—that thabbot and Couent of Oseney tooke of oolde tyme ij. parties of tithis comyng forth of þe londes vndurwrite, that is to say,

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In the Westfelde of ledewell, In þe sowthe parte of the lordes garden of vij. acris þe which Beñ i-called Wrighedelonde, Also of ij. acris [in] Hangenlonde, Also [of] ij. Acris In myddil-furlonge next of the Grene, * Also of j. acre the which is i-called ²⁴ þe smocacre In the Sowth parte of þe lordys gadyne, Also of iij. acris In langelonde, Item of ij. acris By longe mede, Also of iij. acris at Almyvede ⁷, Item of ij. acris In litellfedene ffurlong, Also of iiij. acris In Rammedenysheued, Also of iij. acris and and ²⁸ dñ. In longe Rammesden, Also of ij. acris In Byke Weyffurlonge In þe Est parte, Also of iij. acris In litellfeden In the Est parte, Also of iij. Acris In the Crofte of Petur gigur:

In the Este felde, of all þe Crofte of Henry, Holdyng ⁸ iij. ³² acris, Also of all þe pece þe which Is i-called ley pecche conteynyng iij. acris (owte ⁹ j. acre By aylerychesmede), Also of ij. acris withoute þe lordes Berne In the North parte, Also

¹ 'Wotton & ledewell' in margin.

² 'ex (h)abundanti.'

³ 1257 in the Latin.

⁴ 'filium Iohannis le Wal.'

⁵ 'Herueum.'

⁶ 'le Bel.'

⁷ 'Aluyvedene.'

⁸ 'de tota crofta Henrici continente tres acras.'

⁹ 'excepta una acra.'

of v. acris In longe crofte, Also of ij. acris at þe Gore Above
 litelmede, Also of ix. acris In hanghendelonde, Also of j. acre þe
 which is i-called Meyshendelonde¹, Also of iij. acres þe which
 4 Beñ i-called þe Goore, Also of iij. acris Strecchyng þeñ-selfe to
 Rammeswelle, Also of vj. acris In the telth þe which Is i-called
 fyfyerde, Also of ij. acris Above Mapeldoor Welle Huſſe, Also of
 ij. acris In Grene Dicke ffurlonge.

8 And that þe saide Inquisicion may come to perpetueñ mynde
 thabbot of Oseney and master artolde þeñ person of Wotton
 to this writyng, In-to þe maner of A charter i-made, þer sees
 i-put to, of þe which oone partie abidithe to pabbot and Couent
 12 of Oseney And a-noper partie to þe saide Artold. This writyng
 was made at Oseney In the Vigile of Seynte Gile Abbot In the
 3ere of owr lorde aforenamyd.

Dated at
 Oseney
 1257 (?),
 Aug. 31.

[XXVII. GROVE.]

[172.] THABBOT of Oseney hath In Grove twey parties of
 16 more and lasse tithis of pabbot of Colchester, as it is opyn By
 composicion, the which is afore In the title of 'more Barton':
 And the Vicar of Saunforde taketh þe þirdde parte of all maner
 of tithis.

Reference
 to no. 139.

[ROWLESHAM.]

20 [173.] THABBOT hath In Rolesham of þe 3ifte of Doylys,
 and with þe Graunte of Kynges & of Bisshopis of lincoln with
 þe chapiter, ij. partys of scheves of þe Demayne of Richard Erle
 of Cornewaile and of William ffit Richard ffolioth, longyng
 24 to þe church of saynte George, as it is i-schewed above In
 þe title 'Who³ the church of Seynte George was i-geve to
 þe chanons of Oseney.'

Reference
 to no. 21.

[174.] KNOWE þoo that Be present and to Be that I, Robert
 28 ffolioth, with assent of William my soone, 3efe and graunte
 & with my present charter conferme, In-to ffree and perpetueñ
 almes, to þe church of saynte maryl of Oseney and to þe chanons

¶ 12—
 Grant to
 Oseney, by
 Robert
 Foliot,

¹ Meysheuedlonde.

² Name noted in margin.

³ 'Who' for 'How.'

of land in
Rousham.

pere seruyng god, for my helth and of myne and By name flor
pe sowle of philippe¹ of Neville, all pe londe with pe Curtilage
pe which Hawyse pe wife of Milo helde In Rowlesham, pat is to
say, that loude pe which is at pe Ryght hande of pe way⁴
By the which it is i-goo to my Courte. This almes I and myne
heyres to pe same chanon schall warantize In Euery place, and
to² or Agaynste all men, ffree and quite fro all seruice: pes
witnesses.

8

Reference
to nos. 146,
150, &c.

[175.] ALSO we haue oper charters and confirmacions pe
which Beñ of Barton Odo.

Boundaries
of Rousham
parish.

[176.] pe Endys Costis and Boundis of londis feldys and
groundis of pe bothe courtys of Rowlesham. 12
With-In the³ writen Beñ pe Endes and Boundis of
londis, feldis, and groundys, of pe bothe Courtes
of Rowlesham.

* leaf 38,
back.

In pe ffirst, it is to knowe pat pere is a floode or water 16
pe which is In the commune i-called Charewell In the Est parte
or plage of pe * parisch of pe parisch church of Rowlesham
of lincoln Diocise, goyng [across] pe which sothely floode or
water is pe Ende and Bownde Bitwene⁴ pe parisch aforesaide 20
and pe parisshe of pe parische church of Heyforde pe neper
for the space of A place of pe lengthe In-to al so muche as pe saide
parissis them-selve fro oper towchyn⁵: And the londes, feldes
and growndes aforesaide begynne fro A Brigge vppoñ the saide 24
water, pe which truly Brygge comunely is i-called Heyforde
Brigge In the Est parte of pe ffeldes, groundis and londes of pe
forsaide courtis and of them eyper i-sette. And fro that well⁶,
goyng Downe By pe courte⁷ of pe floode or water aforesaide 28
vnto a well, pe which comunely is i-called Merwell, pe whiche
verily well is A Bounde Bitwene pe parisch of Rowlesham
aforesaide and pe parische of pe parische church of Tackeley [of⁸
the said diocese of Lincoln. And from that well, by a boundary, 32
near] and By⁹ that well pe [which] is i-callid nowe Wylloghgore

¹ Philippi de Nouilla, in the Cotton MS.

² 'et versus omnes homines.'

³ Omit 'the.'

⁴ Marginal note: 'The boundes of
Rowlesham.'

⁵ 'ab invicem attingunt.'

⁶ Read 'bridge.' The translator has
misread 'ponte' as 'fonte.'

⁷ Read 'course': 'per cursum.'

⁸ Added from the Latin.

⁹ 'iuxta.'

In the sowthe parte þe lengh of þe which is Above¹ þe lenghe of j. myle; and fro the Bounde or Ende nexte Before saide vnto and hye-waye, þe which In the commune is i-callid² 'the 4 hye-waye,' þe which is þe hye-way Bitwene þe townsh of Oxonforde & Dadyngton of þe weste parte; and By þe way aforesaide (and² the lenghe afore) and þe lengthe of þe same vnto A-noper hye-waye aforesaide³ [stretching⁴ itself, which is called Denes- 8 wey, which way stretches itself from the foresaid highway] of⁵ þe Northe partye of [the foresaid] londes, groundes, and feldes, i-sette⁶, [and continues⁷] vnto þe Brygge aforesaide By the which Is i-Begunne þe Endys and Boundys of londis, groundys, 12 and felles, of eyþer of þe courtes aforesaide.

[XXVIII. HEYFORD.]

[177.] THABBOT hathe In Heyforde ij. partyes of scheves, of lambys and of pyggys and of othe smalle tithis, of all þe Demayne of Thomas Breute, perteynyng to þe church off Saynte 16 George In the castell of Oxonforde, as hit is i-schewyd abowfe In the title 'How þe church of Saynte George was i-geve to þe chanonsh of Oseneye.'

Reference
to no. 21.

[178.] KNOWE þoo that Be nowe and to Be that I, Merget⁸ 20 of Riuers, for me and myne heyres, haue i-geve, grauntid, and Deliuered, and with my present charter confermed, for my helth and of myne, bothe auncetours and successours, to god and to þe church of saynt marie of Oseney and to þe chanonsh pere 24 to god seruyng, in-to ffree and perpetuell almes, in my verthod⁹, at Heyforde¹⁰ my maner, a place Bitwene my Berne and þe fore- saide towne, to and howse to Be i-made to there tithis to Be laide, þe which at þe dore of my Barne to take pay ofte, as þey

About
1240.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Margaret
of Rivers,

of a site for
a tithe-
barn;
tithe to
taken at

¹ Read 'about': 'circiter.'

² Omit the bracketed words, inserted in error.

³ 'Aforesaid' is represented in the Latin by 'antedictam,' but ought to be omitted.

⁴ Added from the Latin.

⁵ Read 'on.'

⁶ 'situata,' agreeing with 'which way.'

⁷ 'et durat.'

⁸ Margareta.

⁹ Latin, 'in berthona mea.' See 'barton' in *New Eng. Dict.* The 'verthon' form may be a peculiar pronunciation, or the translator may have blundered between the easily confused *v* and *b* of this period.

¹⁰ Name noted in the margin.

the door
of the
demesne-
barn; the
demesne to
thresh the
tithe-corn
in said
barn, and
receive the
chaff and
straw in
return for
the labour;
if Oseney
thresh it
elsewhere,
the de-
mesne to
have sole
use of the
said barn.

were i-woned of olde tyme, with ffre Entre & goyng-owte to Carye and to bere, as to pem beste semeth to doo. And if it happen that þe saide chanon wille that þere corne þere Be thresshe In the forsaide howse, þen I and myne heyres 4 schall make it to Be thresshe, and þe chaffe schall Abide togedur with þe strow to me and to my heyres. And if they will not þat hit Be þere i-thresshe, then it schall Be ffre to theme, whenne þay [will], to Bere away all þere corne in scheves hoole, 8 ande when it is i-Bore away, that howse schall turne In-to myne vses, till estesoones¹, her² come agayne, ther corne In-to þe same will put in; And I and myne heyres that howse schall kepe vn-hurt, that hit Be not i-hyndred or apeyled³ By owr 12 vse; and this almes to þe saide chanon we schall warantize for euer agaynste all pepull & schall Defende. And that all þese thynges Be fferme, &c².

1293.

[179.] Wrytyng of Symon, person of Heyforde Waryn, for hym and his successours al so muche as is in hym neuer to trouble thabbot and Couent of Oseneye for here tithis of Heyforde.

Promise
made to
Oseney,
* leaf 39.
by the
rector of
Heyford-
Warren,
to allow
Oseney
quiet pos-
session of
two-thirds
of the tithes
(great and
small) of
the de-
mesne-land
(as in
no. 21).

To all cristen men to þe which þese present letters schall 16 come, Symon, þe person of * the church of Heyforde Waryn, helth in owre lorde. Knowe me to haue Be-holde þe Instru- mentes of Religious men Abbot and Couent of Oseneye, þat is to say, of þe patronys Bisschopis and Chapter of lincoln and 20 confirmacion of þe pope, [in] þe which Euidently and sufficiently Is conteyned that ij. partis of the tithis (Bothe of grete and smale) of the Demayne In the saide towne comyng forth, By þe cawse of þe church of Seynte George In the castell of oxonforde, 24 þe which to pem þe haue i-approprid, and chefely of telthis within i-write, þat is to say, Croftfurlonge, And Inlonde, Ruelleffurlong⁴, Nambreffurlonge, Moreffurlong, to þe same longed. I, the saide Symon, for me and (al so muche as in me is) for my 28 successours, say and knowlege, By the tenour of this present wrytyng, to pem of speciall ryght to longe, and⁵ of þere stille

¹ 'iterum.'

² Probably 'her[st]' = harvest. Latin is: 'redeunte tempore autumpnali.'

³ Both words form a duplicate rendering

of 'deterioretur.'

⁴ Ruelles-, Nambres-, Meres-.

⁵ 'et de eorum tranquilla et non interrupta possessione promittens.'

and not Inturrupte (or breke) possession by-hotyng, þat, fro þe tyme of þe Date of þese presente thynges, noþer By me, noþer by oony in my name, noþer By my successours (that of¹ suffer-
 4 aunce of þe lawe þem I may Bynde), no lettynge, no puttyng away, or agayne-sayng, vppoñ þe takyng of þe saide tithis (of þe forsaide Demaynes comyng forthe) schall suffre here-after. And as to þe takyng of þe smale [or] lasse tithis, namely² as to chese [Small
 8 and piggis, submytting me to þe constreynyng and compellyng of Euery Juge (Ordinarie or Delegate) or conservatour, the which þe saide Religious meñ or þere successours wille to Be chose, as by all censure of þe church, vppoñ all and Euerich of
 12 þe premisses, me (as hit is Above-saide), withowte³ hurlyng of Juggement and knowlech of plee, as to þe kepyng & lette not to Be i-browght, may compelle. In-to witnesse of þe which, ð, the forsaide Symon put to his seale. þe Date at Oseney,
 16 In the 3ere of owr lorde M^o CC^o Nonagesimo 3^o.

[180.] In the 3ere of owr lorde⁴ M^o CCCC^{mo} v^{to}, with the 1445.
 consent and confirmacion of lorde William, Bisshop of lincoln, Grant by
 and also of þe consent of þe Keper or warden and of þe college Oseney, to
 20 of Seynte marie of Whinchester of Oxforde, patronys of þe parisch the rectory
 church of Heyforde⁵, was i-maade A Reafl composicion bytwene of Heyford-
 vs and the person þere, þat is to say, that þe saide person and Warren, of
 all his successours hereafter have owre porcion þere, zeldyng a perpetual
 24 þerof 3erely In the ffestes of Saynte Mizghell & of Estur lease of Ose-
 xiiij. ð. iiij. d. in Euyñ porcions vndur payne of xx. ð. so ofte neyshare of
 Be paied al so so ofte as he faileth to vs, and also he schall paye the tithes,
 for the Kynges Dyme when that hit happeneth By the clergy to at quit-rent
 28 be i-grauntid, undur the same payne, that is to say, for an of 13s. 4d.,
 hoole Dyme iiij. ð. lessee to
 pay the
 tenths
 voted to
 the king
 by convoca-
 tion.

[XXIX.] LITULL TYWE.

[181.] KNOWE all meñ Both present and to Be that I, About
 Robart ffitz Geoffrey, 3afe & grauntid, and with my present 1200?
 Grant to

¹ = as far as by: 'quatenus ex.'² 'maxime quoad.'³ The English is dark because it follows the obscure Latin constructions: 'ut . . . me . . . sine strepitu iudiciali et causae cognitione, quantum ad observacionem, et im-

pedimentum non inferendum, possint compellere.'

⁴ The date in the Latin is, correctly, 1445. William Alnwick, bishop 1436-49.⁵ Name noted in the margin.

Oseney, by Robert (of Nevile) son of Jeffrey, of a messuage, half his demesne-land, and half a hide and 3 yard-lands of land held in villeinage, [burial at Oseney.] * leaf 39, back. with all privileges.

charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Saynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, half of my Demayne In litufl Tywe, with all þe mese of my Demayne, and of v. 3erdes of londe of vilenage (or of bonde-holde¹), þat is to say, dñ. an hide 4 the which Godwynd helde, and j. 3erde þe which is i-callid the 3erde of Salomon, and the 3erde þe which William of Tackeley helde, & j. 3erde þe which Richard of Saunforde helde: these londis I 3afe and grauntid to the foresaide church, with my 8. body that² thedur I wo[w]id, In-to free pure and perpetuell almes, with all thynges þe which to þe foresaide lon*dys per- teynen, bothe In mesis, and in Medes and ffedynges, In weyes and patthis, and In waters, and in all other thynges & places: 12 to Be i-holde, of me and of myne heyres, ffrely & quietly fro all seruyce, Sauyng þe Kynges seruice: þese witnessis, &c³.

About 1250? Confirmation to Oseney, by Alan son of Matthew of Rumeley, as feudal superior, of nos. 181 and 183,

[182.] KNOWE þey that ben now and to Be that I, Aleyne of Estoñ, þe soone of mathew of Rumeley, for my helth & 16 of myne, haue i-grauntid and with this my present charter haue i-confermed, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Saynte mary of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, þe 3ifte that Robert fl3t Gaufride maade to þem of 20 all his londe³ In litufl tywe, with all his pertinences, Bothe of þe Demayne & of þe villenage (or bondage), In-to ffre and per- petuell almes, sauynge þe Kynges seruice, as the charter of þe foresaide Robert þe which þe same chanon̄s haue witnesseth. 24 I haue i-grauntid also for me and myne heyres for Euer to þe foresaide church & chanon̄s þat [they] the same londe, with all his pertinences, haue and holde, wefl and in pece, hooly & ffrely, quite of Relefs and all exaccions and Demaundes, Sutes, 28 & all thynges þe which may be axid of þe londe, Sauyng þe Kynges seruice. And I Aleyne and my heyres þe forsaide londe, with all his pertinences, and with all þe foresaide thynges, to þe myndyd church and chanon̄s for Euer schaff warantize 32 agaynste all pepul: and for this graunte confirmacion and warantizynge þe saide chanon̄s 3afe to me v^{q^{ue}}. marke⁴ of Siluer. In-to wisse of þe which, &c³.

with renunciation of feudal rights (except scutage),

Oseney pay- ing him £3 6s. 8d.

¹ Alternative rendering: 'terre de vile- nagio.'

² 'quod illuc devovi.'

³ MS. has 'bonde,' by a slip.

⁴ i. e. 'quinque marke': cp. 148/21.

[183.] BE hit i-knowe both to þem þat Be nowe and to Be that I, Robert ffigt Gaufride, 3afe and grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Saynte marie of Oseneye & to þe chanons þere seruyng god, In-to pure and perpetuefl almes, all my londe in litull Tywe, þe which londe I Bow3ght of Aleynd ffigt Gaufride my Broþer for xl. marke of siluer, that is to say, thre hides (with ¹ all þe lordeschip), and ⁸ seruiçe ² of dñ. an hide the which Raph ffigt Henry helde with his pertinençes (that is to say, vj. d. and foreyne ³ seruiçe). This londe, with his pertinençes, I 3afe and grauntid, for my helth and of myne & for the sowles of my ffadur and modur and ¹² of Aleyne my Broþer and of alle my kynnesfolkes, to þe foresaide church & to þe foresaide chanons, as ⁴ my Bying: to be holde, ffrely, quietly, hooly, and worschipfully, with medes and pastures, In weyes and patthis, with all ffredoms and ffree Customs ¹⁶ to þe same londe perteynyng By seruiçe of j. kny3ght to Be doo to Mathewe ffigt Aleyne my Broþer & to his Eyres. þese witnesse, &c^o.

About 1200?
Grant to Oseney, by Robert (of Nevile) son of Jeffrey, of land bought for £26 13s. 4d. viz. three hides and feudal superiority over half a hide,

with all privileges, to be held by service of one knight.

[184.] KNOWE all men Bothe present and to Be that I, ²⁰ Mathew of Rumeley, þe soone of Adam of Estoñ, grauntid, and with my present charter confermyd, to god and to þe church of Saynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for my helth and of myne & for the sowles of all my aunceturs, ²⁴ þat 3ifte þe which Robert þe soone of Geffrey my heine ⁵ maade to þem of all his londe In litull tywe, with all his pertinençes, Bothe of þe Demayne and of þe vilenage, In-to perpetuefl almes, sauynge þe seruiçe of owr lorde Kyng, as þe charter of þe foresaide ²⁸ Robert witnessith.

About 1200?
Confirmation to Oseney, by Matthew of Rumeley, as feudal superior, of nos. 181 and 183.

[185.] A charter of þe Kyng of þe same londe and of other in the same towne * Bitwene vs and Gilberte of Hide.

1211, Oct. * leaf 40.

þis is a finall acorde In the Courte of owre lorde þe Kyng at Westmynster, fro þe Daye of Saynte Mi3ghefl In-to xv. daies,

Confirmation to Oseney,

¹ 'cum toto dominio;' meaning that the three hides were in hand (as demesneland), and not leased out as freehold or otherwise.

² 'servicium,' in accusative, going back

to 'hydas.'

³ 'forense servitium.'

⁴ 'sicuti empcionem meam.'

⁵ 'patruus meus.'

by Gilbert
of Hide,
nephew of
Robert of
Nevile the
donor,

of no. 181,

and of
no. 183,

Oseney
paying him
£6 13s. 4d.

of þe Rayne of Kyng John þe xiiij^o, afore þe Kyng hym-selfe,
Symon of pateshuft, Jamys of poterne, Henry of pounte alde-
mare, Robert of Aumare, Roger Huscarle, Justices, and oþer
true meñ of owre lorde þe Kyng þenne þere present; Bitwene
Gilbert of Hide, axer, and clement, Abbot of Oseneye, holder,
By Roger, chanoñ, i-sett in his stede to wynne or to lese: of
vj. 3erdes of londe, and j. mese, with þe pertinences, In litufl
tywe: whereof hit was i-pletid Bitwene them, In the same
Courte: that is to say, þe same aforesaide Gilbert relesid and
quite-claymed, of hym-selfe and of his heyres, to þe forsaide
Abbot and to his successours & to þe church of seynt Marie of
Oseney, all þe Ryght and clayme that he had In the forsaide
vj. 3erdes, and the foresaide mese, with þe pertinences, for Euer.
And ffurpermore the same Gilberte relesid and quite-claymed,
of hym-selfe and of his Eyres, to þe same Abbot and to his suc-
cessours, all þe right and clayme þat he had or myght haue In
viij. 3erdes [of land], with þe pertinences, the which Robert of
Neuile, þe huncle of the same Gilberte, 3afe to þe church of
Saynte marie of Oseney In-to pure and perpetuefl almes. And
for this relese, and quite-clayme, fyne, and acorde, þe forsaide
Abbot 3afe to þe same Gilberte x^{cem} marke ¹ of Siluer, &c².

1217.

Decision of
a suit be-
tween Ose-
ney and the
rector of
Great Tew,

[186.] To all soones of owr holy modur the Church to
þe which this present writyngschaff come, Hugh ², By the grace
of god Abbas of glowcetur ³, G. prior of lantone; and M. ⁴
Archedecuñ of Glowcetur, Euerlastyng helth In owr lorde.
To all 3owr knowlege we wulle hit come, we the maundement of
owr lorde þe pope Honorye the iiij. to haue i-take, In-to these
wordes:—

by papal
commis-
sioners,

Honorye, bisshop, seruauante of seruantes of god, to 3owr ⁵
i-lovedsoones thabbot of Glowcetur & prior of lantone and Arche-
decuñ of glowcetur, of þe Diocise of Wircetur, helth & thaposteles
blessyng. Owr Beloued Soones thabbot and Couent of Oseneye
have Greuously i-playned to vs that owr worschipfull Broþer
þe Bisshop of Couentre and summe prelates of churchis and
mony oþer clerkes and lay-men of lincoln and Wircetur Diocise,

¹ i. e. 'decem,' retaining the Latin.

² 'H.' incorrectly expanded by the trans-
lator. Henry Blount, abbot of Gloucester,
1212-24.

³ In MS. 'wrytynge shall come' follows,
by dittography.

⁴ Maurice of Arundel, 1210-45.

⁵ Read 'owr.'

vppoñ these thynges they¹ been i-zeve to þere monasterie
 By the weye of charite, þem and the same monasterie (agaynste
 þe priueleges of þe pope, and pardonẽ, and ffreedomẽ i-zeve
 4 of goode Deuocion of cristen meñ) grevyñ mony-foldely and
 trowblyn. Whereof þay prayd vs mekely, þat to þem In such
 maner þynges we prouidyng, wolde whochesafe to þe same
 monasterie, vppoñ þes thynges þe which of þere goodes Beñ
 8 alienyð vnlawfully and Distracte, by þe Benefete of Reuokying
 to succurre. Wherefore to ȝowr Discrecion, By thaposteles
 wrytyng, [we] charge þat ȝe, not suffryng the Abbot and Couent
 aforesaide to Be greued agaynste þe tenour of þe pardouns and
 12 oþer fredomẽ of þem, þoo thynges, þe which of þe goodys of þe
 monasterie ȝe fynde i-alienyð In-to there hurt, or with-Drawe, ȝe
 labour² to ryȝht, and propurte of þem lawfully to reuoke,
 grevowres and vndewe aȝene-saiers by streitnesse which is con-
 16 uenient ȝe compellyng (Appellyng i-put A-Backe). And ȝif ȝe
 aȝ may not Be at þese thynges * to Be Executid, tweyne of ȝow
 napelesse execute þeñ. Þe date at peruse þe iij^o non. of
 Auguste, In þe ffirst ȝere of oure Bisshophoode.
 20 Þefore, By the auctorite of this maundement, þabbot and
 Couent standyng In owre presence By þere procuratour of
 þe oone partie, and W. person of þe church of More tywe (Also
 By A procuratour) of þe oþer, In whos procusies³ whas i-con-
 24 teyned that þabbot and Couent of Oseney and þe foresaide
 person where to haue rate and sure what-so-Euer thyng þere
 procuratours wholde doo afore vs, or⁴ In knowlegyng, or In
 ȝevyng vppe, or In stryuyng, or In compownyng; þe procuratour
 28 of thabbot and Couent of Oseney purposid⁵ agaynste þe pro-
 curatour of þe foresaide W. þat þe same W. whas⁶ Abowte to
 take Aweye fro þem vnryȝhtfully the smale tithis [of⁷ the
 nourishing] of þere Bestes at lituñ Tywe Abidyng, Where that⁸
 32 (By þe auctorite of here priueleges of the pope i-ȝeye to þem) fro
 þe ȝevyng of small tithis þey ofte to Be not partyng⁹. This¹⁰

* leaf 40,
 back.
 appointed
 1216, Aug. 3,

about pay-
 ment of
 small tithes
 at Little
 Tew,

¹ Read 'that': 'qu[a]e.'

² The English is dark because verbally following the Latin: 'studeatis ad ius et proprietatem ipsius [monasterii] legitime revocare.'

³ 'in quorum procuratoriis.'

⁴ 'siue confitendo, siue cedendo, siue litigando, siue componendo.'

⁵ 'proposuit.'

⁶ 'nitebatur extorquere.'

⁷ 'de nutrimentis animalium suorum.'

⁸ 'where that' = whereas, when: 'cum.'

⁹ 'not partyng' is intended to render 'immunes.'

¹⁰ Read 'The.'

from which
Oseney
claimed
exemption,

and
obtained it,

on condi-
tion of pay-
ing 4s.
yearly to
Great Tew
church.

which priuileges i-schewed afore vs, and of þe procuratour of þe saide W. i-say ¹ and vnderstande, þe same procuratour afore vs knowlegid hym-selfe nopyng to ² knowe or to mowe of ryght to þe saide priuileges to Obiecte, or oony þyng to purpose, But ⁴ þat thabbot and Couent aforesaide, after þe tenour of þe foresaide priuileges, fro þe 3evyng of þe smale tithis ofte to Be Dischargid or immune. þerfore whe, with þe consaile of wise men sittyng with vs, syth to ryght disposicions nopyng of 8 taryng ofte to Be browght, what ³ of þe Intencion of thabbot and of þe Couent of Oseney, what ⁴ By confession of þe procuratour of þe saide W., what ⁴ By the seyng of þe same priuileges, hit was i-schewid Euidently, þabbot and Couent ¹² aforesaide fro þe Axynge of þe saide W. vppon þe 3evyng of þe smale [tithes] we wille þem to Be assoyled, puttyng silence to. þe same W., sentencially Decreyng thabbot and Couent aforesaide to Be immune (or partles ⁵) fro þe 3evyng of þe foresaidesmale ¹⁶ tithis. And þe mynded Abbot and Couent, with goode-wille and of grace, to þe church of more Tywe, as longe as litull Tywe pay In þere hande helde, iiij. 3. 3erely, In the ffest of pentecost Euery 3ere at þe foresaide church to be i-payde, þey grauntid. ²⁰ And (at ⁶) laste By lenth of tyme, or By malice of men, to be denyed or to be broke or also ⁷ in Dowte hit may be callid, þoo þynges, þe which in owre presence Be doo by the auctorite of owr holy ffadu and lorde pope, In-to perpetuell memorye in- ²⁴ to this present writyng we haue i-turned, and the same with þe puttyng to of owr seelys we haue i-strenghtidh. Thes witnessis, &c⁹.

About
1260.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Robert
Brock
of a messu-
age and
curtilage,

[187.] KNOWE þoo that Be present and to be þat I, Robert ²⁸ Brock, 3afe, grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to Richard ⁸ Abbot and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, A mese with þe Curtilage In litull Tywe, with all his pertinences, þat ³² is Vndur my gardyng of þe Northie parte: to be holde and to Be had, to þe saide church and chanons and to here successours, in-

¹ 'inspectis et intellectis.'

² 'scire vel posse, de iure.'

³ 'cum.'

⁴ 'tum.'

⁵ Alternative rendering of 'immune.'

⁶ Omit 'at.' 'Laste' = lest: 'ne...'

⁷ 'etiam.'

⁸ Richard of Apletre, abbot 1254-68.

to free and perpetuell almes, zeldyng perof 3erely to me & to my
 heyres iiij. d. at Estur for all thynges þe which of þe londe
 or for þe londe may or schaff mowe to be axid for Euer. Also
 4 I have i-3evyd to þe saide church and chanons & to þere succes-
 sours, In-to pure and perpetuell almes, seven acris of my Arable
 londe In þe feldes of litull Tywe, with ffre Commune, and ffre
 Entryng & goyng owt, þorowgh * all my londes of litull Tywe :
 8 of þe which j. acre lieth In the Northefelde At White Otehulle
 by þe londe þe which was of William Tackle, And j. acre lieth
 At depecathalle¹ By the londe of þe prior of Cogges, And j. lieth
 At litull slade, And j. dȝ.-acre lieth at Ha[n]gyndelonde by þe
 12 londe of þe prior of Coges ; And In þe sowthfelde, j. acre lieth
 In Brode slade by þe londe of pabbot of Oseney, And j. acre
 lieth In Coppede More By the londe of Roger Belamy, And
 j. acre lieth at Shendegifte stamdelf², & dȝ. acre lieth in shorte
 16 londe.

And I, Robert, and my heyres or myne assynes, þe saide mese,
 with þe Curtilage, and with all liberteis and ffre customs,
 by the foresaide seruice of iiij. d. 3erely, & ³ þe foresaide vij. acris,
 20 with þere pertinences, and ffre commune and ffre Entre and
 goyng-owte, as hit is i-saide afore, to þe foresaide church &
 chanons and to þere successours, agaynste all cristen men and
 Juys schaff warantize, and of all maner Sutes of Courte, helpis,
 24 tallages, scutages, exaccions, & demaundys, schaff Aquite and
 Defende for Euer. And þat this my 3ifte, graunte, and con-
 firmacion, &c³.

[188.] In þe 3ere of oure lorde Kyng Henry þe sone of Kyng
 28 John liȝe, In the daye of Saynte Barnabe thapostle, was þis
 couenaunt i-made, Bitwene frere William Abbot of Oseney and
 þe prior of Coges and Dame Katherine louell and Robert Broc
 lordes of þe towne of litull Tywe and oper ffre tenauntes of þe
 32 same towne of þe oone party, and John of prateill lorde of more
 tywe of þe oper, þat is to say, whenne þe saide John had i-sowe
 and In-hokam⁴ had i-doo of his telth þe which Is i-callid
 Costowe agaynste þe will of þe saide Abbot and of oper afore-

subject to
 4d. quit-
 rent,

and of [a
 quarter-
 yardland,
 viz.]

* leaf 41.

3½ acres in
 North field,

and 3½ in
 South field,

with rights
 of pasture.

[Warranty
 against
 Jews.]

1268,
 June 11.
 Agreement
 (cp. no. 193)
 between
 Oseney,
 with other
 freeholders
 of Little
 Tew,
 and the
 lord of
 Great Tew
 manor

¹ Depe Kathole.

² Shendegiste Stanidelf.

³ Omit '&.' It occurs also in the Latin.

⁴ i.e. fenced it with hurdles to protect
 the crop: 'inhokam fecisset de quadam
 cultura.'

(who had,
(a) contrary
to manorial
rotation,
put lands
into *inhook*
and cropped
them, and
(b) excluded
Oseney and
the others
from com-
mon pas-
ture on cer-
tain fallow
lands),
that Oseney
and the
others
shall have
their pas-
ture-rights
undis-
turbed,

they allow-
ing him to
gather
most of
this year's
crop from
the lands in
question.

namyd, and¹ ouermore In-to forbedyng had i-put þe commune pasture of all [the] warecte or leylande Bitwene þe wey þe which Is i-callid Wodewey and litufl Tywe, þe which commune þe aide Abbot, and þe fornamyd, claymed of olde to Be his⁴ ryzgħt for certeyne seruice þat to þe same John and to oþer certeyne lordys of þe same towne By² þe custumarijs doon: At þe last, it was A-cordid bitwene [them] in this forme, þat þe saide John grauntid, for hym-selfe and his heyres, þat the⁸ saide Abbot and oþer lordis aforenamyd haue commune pasture In þe forsaide places & telthes, as þey were i-woned and³ oftēd. And he agayne⁴ knowlechid hit⁵ to be þe Abbotes ryzgħt and of oþer lordes aforenamed & of þer men, al so ofte a[s] fro¹² þe saide telthis cornd is i-Borne away and þe londe Be not i-sowe. And he Bunde hym-selfe and his heyres for Euer, By his fleitht and þis present writyng, þat he neuer of þe saide pasture schaff sowe no-þyng, noþer In-hokam schaff doo, In-¹⁶ to preiudice of þe saide Abbot and of oþer lordis afore-named, But of þe consent of þe parties, or By Juggement of þe Kynges Courte. And, for þe⁶ recognicion and graunte, (of⁷) þe saide Abbot and oþer lordes aforenamed; after a parte of þe saide²⁰ telth i-sowe By þere Beestes [they] haue⁸ i-fedde, of þere grace haue i-suffrid þat þe saide John the vestiture (or grasse⁹) of þe same telthe þe which Abode, withoute þere lette, In this þere alone may gadur & haue, so napelese that þis grace to þe same²⁴ here-after Be not i-turned In-to preiudice & greuaunce. And that this conuencion, recognicion, and graunte, Be sure & stabufl for Euer, And¹⁰ partijs to this writyng In-to the maner of A Charter i-maade to Euerich wordes¹¹ þay haue i-put to þere²⁸ seales: Þese witnessis, &c⁹.

About
1270.
Grant to
Oseney,

[189.] KNOWE þoo that Been nowē present and to Be þat I, Katerine Lovuefl, for þe helth of my sowle and of my aunceturs, In free widewhoode and my lavfull power,SAFE, and³²

¹ 'et insuper in defensum posuisset.'

² Read 'by their custumaries yearly they do': 'annuatim per custumarios suos faciunt.'

³ 'et debent.'

⁴ Renders 'recognovit.'

⁵ 'illam,' i. e. common pasture in the stubble and fallow.

⁶ Read 'þis.'

⁷ Omit 'of.'

⁸ 'paverunt.'

⁹ 'vestituram eiusdem culture qu[a]e remansit:' i. e. the standing crop.

¹⁰ Read 'the.'

¹¹ Read 'other.'

grauntid, ande * with þis my charter confermed, to god and to þe church of seynte marie of Oseney and to William¹, Abbot, and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, j. 3erde of londe with
 4 A mese, with medes, & with his oþer pertinences, In litufl Tywe þe which I had of Robert fflzt Robert of Brocke and of Richard of Sandeforde: to be holde and to Be had, of me and of my heyres, In-to pure and perpetuefl almes, al so muche as longeth
 8 to me and to myne heyres, zeldyng þerof 3erely to Robert of Brock and to his heyres v. d. at cristmasse for all thynges þe which of þe londe or for þe londe maye or schaff mowe to Be axid for Euer. And I Katherine and my heyres þe saide 3erde-
 12 londe, with þe mese and oþer pertinences, to þe forsaide Abbot and chanon̄s, as pure and owr perpetuefl almes, agaynste all pepufl schaffe warantize aquite and Defende. And that this my 3ifte, &c².

* leaf 41, back.
 by Katherine Lovell, of a yardland, with its messuage and meadow,
 paying quit-rent of 5d. to the chief lords.

16 [190.] KNOWE all meñ that I, Robert fflzt Robert of Brock, grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, j. 3erde of londe, with A mese, medes, and oþer
 20 pertinences, þe which þey have of þe 3ifte of Dame Katherine louelle In litufl Tywe: to Be had ande to Be holde, of me and of my heyres, to þe saide chanon̄s for Euer, zeldyng þerof 3erely to me and to my heyres v. d. at cristmasse for all thynges
 24 þe which, of þe londe, or for þe londe, maye or schaff mowe to Be axid for Euer. And I Robert and my heyres þe saide 3erde of londe, þe which Richard of Sanforde sumtyme helde, with mese, medys, and oþer pertinences, to þe forsaide chanon̄s,
 28 agaynste all cristen meñ and Juys, By þe foresaide seruice, schaff warantize aquite and Defende for Euer, fl.

About 1270. Confirmation to Oseney, by Robert of Brock, as feudal superior, of no. 189, subject to 5d. quit-rent to his manor.

[Warranty against Jews.]

[191.] KNOWE 3e that Be present and to Be pat I, Robert of Brocke, 3afe, grauntid, and with my present charter con-
 32 ffermyd, to god and to þe church of seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, v. d. of 3erely rent, þe which to me þay were i-woned to 3elde for pat 3erde of londe, the which Richard of Sanford sumtyme helde In þe towne of litufl
 36 Tywe: to be had and to Be holde, to þe saide church and

About 1275. Grant to Oseney, by Robert of Brock, of the quit-rent reserved in 189, 190.

¹ William of Sutton, abbot 1268-84.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

About
1275.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Robert of
Brock,
of a messu-
age and
croft,
and a yard-
land with
its meadow,

along with
its bond-
widow
tenant
and her
children.

* leaf 42.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

1288,
June 5.
Agreement
(cp. no. 188)
between
Oseney,
with other
freeholders
of Little
Tew,
and the
lord of
Great Tew
manor
and the
rector of

chanon̄s, In-to pure and̄ *perpetuefl* almes. And̄ I Robert and̄ myne heyres or assynes þe saide 3erely v. d. to þe foresaide church and̄ chanon̄s agaynste aȝ cristeȝ meȝ and̄ Juys schaff̄ warantize aquite & defende for Euer as ouȝ *perpetuefl* alm̄ys, &c². 4

[192.] KNOWE þoo that Be present and̄ to Be that I, Robert sone and̄ heyre of Robert Brocke¹, 3afe, grauntid̄, and̄ with this my present charter confermed̄, to god̄ and̄ to þe church of Saynte marie of Oseney and̄ to William, Abbot, and̄ to þe 8 chanon̄s þere seruynḡ god, that mese, with þe Crofte and̄ oper *pertinences*, that Alice relicte of William pateshuȝ sumtyme of me helde In lituȝ Tywe, And̄ j. 3erde of londe Euery 3ere to Be sowe, with medys, and̄ oper *pertinences*, þe which þe saide Alice 12 of me helde In the feldys of lituȝ Tywe, And̄ to þe þynges², I 3afe and̄ haue i-grauntid̄ to þe forsaide Abbot and̄ Couent þe saide Aliȝ sumtyme my Natife, And̄ Roger and̄ Robert and̄ Aliȝ childroȝ of þe saide Aliȝ, with cataȝ and̄ sequelis of þem, and̄ 16 aȝ thyng that In þe foresaide tenementes, natyfs, sequelis, or þere cataȝ, I had̄ or myȝht haue, withoute oony withhol*dyng agayne to me or to myne heyres or assynes : to Be holde and̄ to be had̄, to þe foresaide church and̄ to þe chanon̄s, of me and̄ of 20 myne heyres or myne assynes, In-to pure and̄ *perpetuefl* almes. And̄ I Robert and̄ myne heyres or Assynes aȝ Above-saide thynges to þe foresaide church and̄ chanon̄s agaynste aȝ cristeȝ meȝ and̄ Juys schaff̄ warantize aquite & Defende as ouȝ pure 24 & *perpetuefl* almes. And̄ that this my ȝifte, &c².

[193.] In the 3ere of þe Reyne of Kyng Edwarde þe sone of Kyng Henry þe xvj., daye of þe Saturday nexte afore þe feste of saynte Barnabe thapostle, was i-made þis couenaunt, Bitwene 28 ffrere Roger, Abbot of Oseney, and̄ þe prior of Coges and̄ John Broke, lordes of þe towne of lituȝ Tywe, and̄ oper ffree-holders of þe same towne, of þe oone parte, and̄ John of prateȝ (&³) lorde of þe more tywe and̄ Stephan of prateȝ and̄ John þenne seruante 32 of þe person̄ of þe same of þe oper [parte], that is to say, whenne þe saide John, stephen, and̄ John, had̄ i-sowe and̄ In-hoke had̄ i-doo of a telthe the which Is i-called̄ Costowe agaynste þe wille

¹ Roberti de Broke.

² 'Ad h[a]ec.'

³ Omit '&.'

of þe saide Abbot and of oþer lordes aforenamed; & furþermore, In-to fforbedyng had put þe commune of all þe (pasture¹) warecte or leylande Bitwene² þe waye þe which Is i-callid
 4 Wodewey and lituiff Tywe, the [which] commune þe saide Abbot and þe fornamed claymed of olde to Be þe[re] right: At þe last, hit whas acordid Bitwene them in this forme, þat þe saide John and oþer grauntid, for þem and þere heyres and
 8 assynes, þat þe saide Abbot and oþer lordes aforenamyd haue comune pasture In þe forsaide places and telth as þey were i-wonyd to haue,

[that³ is to say] that oone 3ere þey Be sowe, and after þe
 12 corne In the saide telthis i-gederyd to-gedur⁴, In the same 3ere þey Entre with all þere Bestes, to fede vn-to þe tyme of wyntur seede (and⁵) in oþer 3ere⁶ folowyng, if with lente⁷ seede hit ofte to Be sowed; or vn-to þe tyme⁸ of lente sede of þe seyde
 16 3ere folowyng, if with lente sede þey ofte to Be sowe: so, þat is to say, that By⁹ the sowyng, mowyng of corne, gadryng or heepyng to-gedur of þe same noo gile Be doo, so¹⁰ þat foresaide comuners haue þere forsaide commune In conueniente tyme:
 20 and hit [is] to Be knowe, þat þe saide telthes In oone 3ere schall Be sowe and In A-noþer 3ere lye leye.

And they maade a knowlege (pat is to say, þe forsaide John, Stephen, and John) þe foresaide commune to Be ryght of
 24 þe saide Abbot and of oþer lordes aforenamyd and of þere meid whenne-so-Euer In the saide telthis þe corne Be i-gaderyd In the forme aforesaide, And they haue i-Bownde þem-selfe and þere heyres and assynes, By goode ffeith & By this present
 28 writyng, þat neuer of þe saide pasture they schall¹¹ oony thyng schall sowe, noþer in-hoke schall Doo, agaynste þe forme aforesaide; & if þay doo, þey graunte, for þem-selfe, and for here heyres and assynes, that þey schall pay to þe saide Abbot and
 32 to oþer lordes Above-saide of lituiff Tywe x. li. of sterlynges for

Great Tew (who had unrightfully put certain lands into *inhook*, and had excluded Oseney, &c. from pasture-rights on certain fallow),

that, immediately after the corn is removed, Oseney and the others may pasture in the stubble till the winter-sowing, or till the spring-sowing, as the case may be;

and that Oseney (with the others) shall be undisturbed in their pasture-rights

under penalty of £10;

¹ Omit 'pasture.'

² MS. repeats 'bitwene.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ 'post bladum . . . adunatum.'

⁵ Omit 'and.'

⁶ The pasture, in one case, would be from Michaelmas to October next; in the other, from Michaelmas to March.

⁷ Read 'winter': 'si semine hiemali

debeant seminari.'

⁸ 'tempus seminis quadragesimalis.' In Essex, the terms 'Lent seed,' 'Lent sowing,' though still remembered by country people, are no longer in actual use.

⁹ Read 'after': 'post seminacionem.'

¹⁰ i. e. to prevent the commoners from having: 'quin . . . habeant.'

¹¹ Omit 'schall.'

and that
Oseney, &c.
may pas-
ture this
year on the
enclosed
land;

* leaf 42,
back.

and that
Great Tew
manor pay
£6 13s. 4d.
as fine for
unlawful
enclosure,

Oseney
(after put-
ting in
cattle to
vindicate
their right
to pasture
the whole)
allowing
the crop
to be
gathered.

About
1280.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by John of
Brock,
of his
father's
grants (as
in nos. 187,
190-2),

þe transgression¹ or lette¹ of þe ccommune aforesaide; And ouermore, hit schall Be lawfull to þe saide Abbot, and to oper lordes of litufl Tywe, and to þere meñ, þe saide pasture or In-hoke, In the 3ere of þe makyng of this presente writyng, 4 with all þere Bestes to Entre and pesibly to fede; And, for In-hokam in the 3ere of þe makyng of this present writyng vn-ry3ghtfully i-doo, þe saide John * of pratefl for hym-selfe, frely², and his custumarijs, he pleggid³ to þe saide Abbot x. marke of 8 sterlynges, puttyng hym-selfe þere-of In the Abbotes grace, and to Be payde at litufl Tywe at þe nexte Estur aftyr þe makyng of this wiityng, and þere-of he ffounde plegge, þat is to say, Robert le Eyre thenne Baylyff of Wodestoke, Edmund of þe 12 parke of þe same, Robert of Tackle; and for þe recognicion and graunte, þe saide Abbot and oper of litufl tywe aforenamed, after a parte of þe saide pasture, or In-hoke vnry3ghtfully i-doo, by here Bestes were i-fedde, of the[ir] grace suffrid, þat þe saide 16 John of pratefl, and his aforesaide, þe vestiture of þe saide In-hoke the which abode, withoute lette, allonly In the 3ere of þe makyng of this writyng my3ght gedur and Bere away, so napeles þat þat grace to þe saide Abbot and to opere i-named after⁴ Be 20 not i-turned In-to preiudice and greffe. In-to witnysse of this thyng, parties to þis writyng In-to þe maner of A charter i-made to euerich opere here seeles haue i-putt: These witnesses Sir John fyt Nygefl þe zunger, John Glyffarde þe zunger, Kny3ghtes, 24 Robert le Eyre þenne Baylyffe of Wodestoke, William of Seynt Ewenne, Walter of Tackfle, Edmund of þe parke of Wodestoke, John leye, and oper.

[194.] To all cristen meñ to þe which this present writyng 28 schall come, John of Broc, of litufl Tywe, helth in owr lorde. Knowe 3e all me to haue i-grauntid and with myne present charter confermed⁵ to haue i-confermed, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney 32 and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, þe 3iftes and grauntes þe which to þeñ made By his charters Robert Broc my ffadur and all my predecessoures, of londes and rentes, with here per-

¹ 'seu impedimento.'

² Read 'his free tenants': 'libere tenen-
tibus.'

³ 'vadiavit.'

⁴ Read 'afore': 'prenominatis.'

⁵ Omit 'confermed.'

- tinences, þe which þey holden of my ffee In litufl Tywe, þat þey holde ande haue þenð, quietly holy ffrely and pesibly, paying 3erely to me and to my Eyres or to myne assynes iiij. d. at
 4 Estur for all thynges þe which, for þe lond, or of þe londe, may Be axid or schaff mowe to Be axid for Euer, þe which iiij. d. I schaff a3ene paye In the same daye and terme for A place vppoð þe which A Culuerhowse is i-fundid [in¹ my court].
 8 And I John of Broc and my heyres or myne assines þe forsaide londes and rentes, with all þere pertinences, agaynste all cristen men and Jues schaff warrantize Aquite and Defende and that this graunte &c^o.
- to be held by quit-rent of 4d., which he will pay back as rent for the site of a dove-house.
 [Warranty against Jews.]

[XXX. GREAT TEW.]

- 12 [195.] A SENTENCE diffinitife Agaynste William, person of þe church of more tywe, i-3efe By thabbot of gloucetur prior of lantonye and þe Archedecon of gloucetur of þe smale tithis In litufl Tywe, above In the titufl of 'litufl Tywe.' Reference to no. 186.
- 16 [196.] A CHARTER agaynste John of Pratefl of A commune, i-3efe In þe 3ere of þe Reyne of þe Kyng Henry þe soone of Kyng John [lii], above In þe titufl of 'litufl Tywe.' Reference to no. 188.

[XXXI. DUNSTEW.]

- 20 [197.] THABBOT of Oseney hath In Dunstywe, of þe 3ifte of Robert Doylly, and confirmacions of Kynges of Inglonde, and confirmacion and graunte of Bisshopes and of * þe chapiter of lincoln, ij. parties of titles of scheves of þe Demayne of Hugh of Tywe, as hit is i-schewed In þe grete charter of þe feffying of
 24 þe same þe which is Above In þe title 'Howe þe church of Saynte George whas i-3efe to the chanon3 of Oseney.' Reference to * leaf 43. no. 21.
- [198.] BE hit i-knowe to all cristen menne to þe which þese present letters schaff come, that, where A question whas
 28 i-maade, Bitwene Hugh², Abbot of Oseneye, and þe Couent About 1200. Agreement between Oseney

¹ Added from the Latin.² Hugh of Buckingham, abbot 1184-1205.

and Merton
priory,
about tithes
of a yard-
land in
Great Tew,

Oseney re-
linquishing
all claim

on condi-
tion of Mer-
ton priory
paying a
yearly quit-
rent of 18.

of þe same place of þe oon partie, and Water¹ prior of Mertoñ
of þe oper partie, vppon the tithis of A 3erde of londe In
þe towne of tywe, of þe which tithis chanons of Oseney ij. scheves
to þem and² iij. scheves² to þe chanonẽ of Mertoñ saide to per- 4
tayne, þe which 3erde was of Raph ffigt lambert, þe³ which
he helde In þe tyme of þe controuersie of Aurede ffigt Richard :
at þe laste, parties i-called to-geduñ, at Wodestoke, afore wor-
schippfull meñ Robert Abbot of Enysham and Geffrey Abbot of 8
Bruerñ and Alizaundur prior of Esseby, þenne Jugges, In that
cause, of þe pope, delegate, such Bitwene theme come⁴ bitwene
the composicion, þat is to say, that þe chanonẽ of Oseney all
ry3ght þat in þe saide tithis paye saide hem-selfe to haue, and¹²
thoo tithis, to þe chanonẽ of Mertoñ holy for Euer to be had,
pay releseð, for þe goodenesse of pece, and quite-claymed, and
that here-after, vppon⁵ þat, question or playnte schaff not
meve, noþer greuaunce doo; And þe chanonẽ of Mertoñ to þe 16
chanonẽ of Oseney xij. d. euery 3ere schaff paye, In þe ffest
of Seynte Mi3ghheñ to be paide at Oseneye. And that this
composicion, In tyme to Be, be sure and vnbroke, to þe oone
halfe of þe charter þe which hauend the chanonẽ of Oseneye was 20
i-putte the seele of þe Couent of mertoñ, and to þe otheñ halfe
þe which hauend þe chanonẽ of Mertoñ whas i-put þe Seele of þe
Couent of Oseneye : þese witnesses.

1225.

Sale to
Oseney,
by Ralph of
Melkys-
ham,
of a yard-
land in
Dunstew,
with its
messuage,

[199.] KNOWE þey that Be nowe and to Be that I, Raph of 24
Melkysham, for myne helth and of myne, 3afe, grauntid, and
with my present charter confermed I haue, to god and to þe
church of Seynte marye of Oseney and to þe chanonẽ þere
seruyng god, j. 3erde of londe In Dunstywe þe which was of þe 28
Demayne of stephyñ Runcyñ, with a mese nexte to þe howse of
Wymunde of Dunstywe, and with all oper pertinences, þat is to
say, þe 3erde of londe the which Petur⁶, ffigt Stephyñ (preste
of Ortoñ), for homage and my seruice, 3afe to me and to my 32

¹ Walter, prior 1198.

² In Latin also 'tres garbas,' but probably in error for 'the third sheaf,' according to the division in no. 21.

³ The Cotton MS. has 'which at the time of the controversy Richard son of Alured held.'

⁴ 'Come bitwene' is a literal rendering of a Latin compound verb: 'talīs inter eos intercessit compositio.'

⁵ 'super hoc, questionem eis non movebunt.'

⁶ 'Petrus filius Stephani sacerdotis de Orton.'

heyres or to whoome I wolde assyne, the which also londe with
 þe pertinences I Raph dischargid by assyse afore Sir Martyñ
 Patessehull and oper Justices of our lorde þe Kynge at oxon-
 4 forde agaynste þe foresaide petur soone of þe preste, Roger
 Runcyñ, and Henry Ruffun, clerke: to be holde and to Be had,
 to the saide chanon̄s for Euer, in-to ffree and perpetueñ almes,
 well and In peece, worschipfully and holy, with the mese afore-
 8 saide, and all pertinences, In medes, pastures, weyes & patthis, and its
 with all fredom̄s, and fre customs, and all other thynges and privileges,
 places to þe foresaide londe [pertaining], & what-soo-Euer þyng
 of Ryȝht In þe same londe with the pertinences I had or myȝht
 12 * haue, withoute oonye withholdyng, paying zerey to þe fore-
 saide petur, and too his heyres, j. peyre of gloves of j. ob. at
 Estur, for all seculer seruice, exaccion, and Demaunde, sauynge
 foreyne¹ seruice. Vppon þe zeldyng of þe foresaide gloves
 16 the foresaide chanon̄s I haue attorned to þe foresaide petur and
 to his heyres, and I and myne heyres þe saide londe with all
 thynges aforenamyd to þe saide chanon̄s for Euer schall waran-
 tize agaynste all pepull. And for þis zifte graunte confermyng
 20 and warantizyng þe forsaid chanon̄s zafe to me, of þe charite of
 pere howse, a C. s. of sterlynges. And that þis my zifte², &c².

* leaf 43,
 back.
 to be held
 by yearly
 payment of
 a half-
 penny pair
 of gloves to
 the chief
 lord:

purchase-
 money, £5.

[200.] KNOWE þoo that Be present and to be þat I, petur of 1225.
 Shipton, þe soone³ of stephyñ preste of Orton, for myne helth
 24 and of myne, Sure and well had grauntid, & with my present
 charter confermed for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte
 marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s pere seruyng god, þe zifte
 That to them made Raph of Melkysham of j. zerde of londe In
 28 Dunstywe, þe which was of þe Demayne of Stephyñ Runcyñ,
 with the mese mooste Nyzeste to the howse of Wymunde of
 Dunstywe, and with all oper pertinences, þe which londe with
 þe pertinences þe same Raph discharged by assise afore Martyñ
 32 of Pateshull and oper Justices of our lorde þe Kynge at oxon-
 forde agaynste me and Roger Runcyñ ande Henry Reede clerke:
 to be holde and to be had, to þe same chanon̄s for Euer, of me
 and of myne heyres, well and In pece, holy and worschipfully,
 36 with all the pertinences, In all thynges and places to þe same

Confirma-
 tion to
 Oseney,
 by Peter
 of Shipton,
 as feudal
 superior,
 of no. 199,

¹ 'salvo forinseco servicio.'

sheriff of Oxfordshire (1225).

² The first witness is Walter Foliott,

³ 'filius Stephani sacerdotis de Orton.'

subject to
the gloves
quit-rent.

londe perteynyng, ȝeldyng þereof ȝerely to me and to myne heyres
j. payre of gloves of j. ob. at Estur for alle *seruice*, exaccion, and
Demaunde, sauynge foreyne *seruice*. Vppoñ þe ȝerely ȝeldyng of
þe which gloves þe same Raph þe same chanon̄s to me and⁴
to myne heyres attorned, as þe charter of þe same Raph þe
which vppoñ that they hauend witnesseth. In-to witesse¹, &c².

About
1230.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Roger
Runcyn,
as feudal
superior,
of no. 199,

[201.] KNOWE þoo that Be present and to be þat I, Roger
Runcyn þe soone of Stephyne Runcyn, for myne helth of² and⁸
myne, grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, to
god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe
chanon̄s þere seruyng god, þe ȝifte that to þem made Raph
of Melkysham of j. ȝerde of londe In Dunstywe, the which whas¹²
of þe Demayne of þe same Sthephynd my fadur, with the mese
nexte to þe howse of Wymunde of Dunstywe, and with all
þe pertinences, whereof þay have a charter of þe foresaide Raph.
I grauntid also, & with this present charter confermed, to¹⁶
þe foresaide chanon̄s, þat relese and quite-clayme þe which
made to þem petur of Shipton, þe soone of Sthephynd preste
of Orton, of a ȝerely rente of a payre of Gloves of j. ob. at Estur
þe which to hym to doo þey were i-woned ȝerely for the same²⁰
ȝerde of londe, whereof they hauend a charter of þe same * Petur.
I wille also and graunte, for me and for myne heyres for Euer,
that þe foresaide chanon̄s haue and holde þe foresaide ȝerde
of londe, with all þe pertinences, & all liberteis and Esementes²⁴
In the foresaide charter of þe foresaide Raph i-conteyned, In-to
ffre and perpetuell almes, wille and In pece, ffrely and worschip-
fully, with the foresaide relese and quite-clayme of þe foresaide
petur, and quite fro all seculer *seruice* exaccion and Demaunde,²⁸
sauynge foreyne *seruice*. And that this graunte, &c².

and of
Peter of
Shipton's
[married
clergy]
quit-claim
of the
gloves
* leaf 44.
(named
in 200),

reserving
to his
manor only
'foreign
service'
(i. e. to the
king).

About
1260.
Sale to
Oseney,
by Hugh
of Tew,
of his right
in the site
of a house,

[202.] To all men to þe which this presente writyng schaff
come, Hugh of Tywe helth. To ȝowr all knowleche I wille hit
come [me], for me and myne heyres for Euer, to haue i-relesed³²
and quite-claymed, to pabbot and Couent of Oseney, all þe
ryȝht and clayme that I had, or myȝht haue, In parte of
and howse of Roger of Dunstywe, tenaunte of them, vppoñ my

¹ Among them : 'Simone Schorchebef, Iohanne filio sacerdotis de Hantona.'

² Read 'and of.'

londe lenyd, and I wille and graunte for, me and myne heyres that þe waye Bitwene þe londe of þe same Roger and my londe by ¹ þe curtilage or gardeyne of hym be in þe same state in þe
 4 which it whas i-purueyed² by þe sigtht of lawfull meñ of þe hundrede In the tyme of theobalde of Bray, sum-tyme my keper³, when the hundrede whas þere i-callid to-geduñ in the tyme of Joñn of Worton⁴ baylyff of þe same hundrede, And
 8 þat, as⁵ þenne markyng whas i-sette by boundes i-sett by the foresaide lawfull meñ by⁶ the londe of þe same Roger and my londe by þe dwellyng of hym, Surely and vnmevabely [hit] be keped. And, for this relese and quite-clayme, ȝafe to me þe
 12 saide Abbot j. marke of siluer. And þat þat sure and vnbroke hit Abide, &c⁹.

and acknowledgement of a right of way,

as marked out by an inquisition of the hundred :

Oseney paying 13s. 4d.

[203.] To all cristen meñ to þe which these presente letters
 Endentid schall come, Thomas, Abbot of Oseney of lincoln
 16 diocise, and Joñn, prior of þe priory of Merton of Wynchester diocise, and of the same places couentes, helth In the Sauioür of all meñ and vndowtefull feith to þese presente writynges to ȝeve. Where, bitwene vs þe saide Abbot and Couent of Oseney
 20 of þe oone partie, and þe foresaide prior and Couent of Merton proprietaries and persons of þe parisch church of Dunstywe of þe saide lincoln diocise to vs and to ouñ priorye vnyed⁷ and annexid and Incorporate of þe oone⁸ partie, by occasiõ and
 24 sake of a porcion of tithis of þe lordeschip and of þe Demayne londes of þe lordeschip of Dunstywe alias⁹ tywe (withinne þe saide parisch of Dunstywe i-sette) comyng forth, grete dissencions and discordes were i-sprunge, we þe saide Abbot and
 28 Couente of Oseney affermyng ij. parties of þe tithis of þe foresaide lordeschip to vs and to ouñ monastery, bothe by þe strenght of añ oolde ȝifte and graunte of þe foresaide tithis to vs and to ouñ monastery aforesaide In þe fundacion of oolde tyme to
 32 be maade, and also of oolde & laudabile and lawfully prescripte custome, to haue i-conteyned¹⁰, to perteyne, and¹¹ to perteyne

144²/₃, Jan. 27. Grant by Oseney, to Merton priory,

of a perpetual lease of Oseney rights in the tithe of the demesne-lands of Dunstew,

¹ 'iuxta.'

² 'provisa fuit.'

³ 'quondam custodis mei.'

⁴ 'de Wottona.'

⁵ 'sicut tunc limitatio facta fuit.'

⁶ Read 'between': 'inter.'

⁷ 'unite.'

⁸ Read 'other': 'ex parte altera.'

⁹ 'alias.'

¹⁰ Read 'i-perteyned': 'pertinuisse.'

¹¹ 'et pertinere debere in futurum.'

to be dewe In tyme to Be; and to vs¹ aforesaide prior and couent of þe priory of Merton proprietaries and persons the foresaide In contrarie affirmyng þe porcion of þe foresaide tithis and þoo tithis to vs and to our priorye aforesaide by ry3ght and name of our parisch church aforesaide of Dunstywe to perteyne:

* leaf 44,
back.

At þe laste, we, þe foresaide [abbot] & prior * and Couentes aforesaide, stryves controuersies and discordes (as hit is i-put afore) bytwene vs i-sprunge and² þe which (by þe occasion of þe 8 fore-put þynges) my3ght fall or happe In tyme to be likely³ to put away willyng, after diuerse tetrynges In þis parte i-had, our ffrendes comyng Bitwene, couetyng to avoyde þe hurtes of stryves, of þe consent and wille of Reuerende ffadur In criste 12 and of lorde Sir⁴ william (chaddeworth⁵) by þe grace of god Bisshop of lincoln ordinarie of þe place, haue i-compownyd and haue i-acordid In-to this maner: þat is to saye, that we þe foresaide Abbot and couent of þe foresaide monastery of Oseney, for 16 vs and our successours, all þe foresaide tithis in þe saide parisch of Dunstywe (how-so-Euer we haue i-had, haue, or scholde ofte to haue), and⁶ for them þe which to vs of þe foresaide prior and couent vndur been i-grauntid, to þe same prior and Couent and⁷ to þe same successours we 3eve, relese, and (to⁷) þe same tithis to þe same prior and Couent & þe same successours we graunte for Euer and conferme. And we, þe foresaide prior and Couent of þe priory of Merton, for þe porcion of þe tithis above-saide, 24 3eve and graunte to þe foresaide Abbot and Couent of þe monastery of Oseney of⁸ þe same successours for Euer, a perpetueñ rente or cense or 3erely⁹ graunte [of] xxvj. s. viij. d.: to be had and to be take of vs and of our successours (of þe saide church 28 of Dunstywe, proprietarijs and persons), at Oseney aforesaide, In the ffest of all Seyntes Euary 3ere tyme¹⁰ to be, And also all charges to þe saide tithis longyng we (prior and Couent afore-saide of Merton and our successours) schaffe bere and schaff 32 vndergoo for Euer. And ouer, we graunte, for vs and our

at a quit-
rent of
£1 6s. 8d.,

Merton to
discharge
all burdens
due by the
tithe,

¹ For 'to us,' read 'we.' An ablative absolute is translated as if it had been dative.

² i. e. and those which.

³ Goes with 'myght': 'verisimiliter pos-
sente euenire.'

⁴ 'domini.'

⁵ Omit 'Chnddeworth,' inserted in error
and not in the Latin. William Alnwick,

bishop 1436-49, is meant. John Ched-
worth was bishop 1451-71.

⁶ i. e. and in consideration of those
things which: 'et pro hiis qu[a]e.'

⁷ Omit 'to.'

⁸ Read 'and.'

⁹ 'prestacionem annuam.'

¹⁰ 'in futurum.'

successours, that if hit happe þe foresaide rente, moneye, or preste¹ after oony terme [when] (as hit is i-saide afore) hit ofte to be payde, withinne² vj. monethis (and³ if hit) Be by-hynde vnpaied, or [we] þe forsaide charges and Eueriche to þe saide tithis longyng not to bere or to paye, þat þenne we (þe foresaide prior and Couent of Merton) be i-holde to þe foresaide Abbot and couent of þe monastery of Oseney and to þere successours for euery lacke or Defawte of this maner of payment xiiij. s. and iiij. d. for Euer. In-to witnesse, &c². The date xxvij. daye of þe moneth of Jenyvere⁴ In the 3ere of oure lorde M^cCCCC^moxliij^o, And In the 3ere of þe Reyne of Kyng Henry þe vj. after the conqueste xxj^o.

with
penalty of
13s. 4d.
on each
occasion of
the quit-
rent being
in arrear.

[XXXII.] EDBURBURY.

[204.] THABBOT of Oseneye In Edburbury hath j. plowe of londe, with a mese, and oper pertinences, þe which Hugh of Tywe sumtyme Knyght 3afe to Nicoll of Weston, And þe saide Nycol to þe Howse of Oseneye. And hit is to be knowe that þat londe [is] of þe litull fee⁵ of Stafforde, and 3eldith scutage al so moche as longeth to þe halfe of j. scute, and þabbot maketh sute to þe hundrede of Bloxham for þe same.

Note of the
hide owned by
Oseney in
Adderbury, as
in nos. 205, 206,
and its
liability to scu-
tage as half of
a knight's
fee, and to suit
to the hun-
dred court.

[205.] KNOWE þey þat be present and to Be that I, Hugh of Tywe, 3afe and grauntyd and with this present charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres, to Nicoll of Weston, Mar- chaunte, j. mese with ij. croftes and all oper pertinences In the towne of Edburbury, and j. plowe of londe In the felde of þe same towne, with all his pertinences, þat is to say, Medes, pastures, weyes, patthis, waters, and with the * rentys of my free tenauntes, and homages, wardis, and relefs, and eschetes, and with all seruices of my Custumaris, & all þat in the saide towne and felde I haue or may haue or to me or to myne heyres by oony ryght maye falle: to be had and to be holde, to þe foresaide Nycol and to his heyres or assynes, or⁶ to oony man

1269.

Sale to
Nicholas
of Weston,
by Hugh
of Tew,
of a messu-
age, 2 crofts,
and a hide,

* leaf 45.

with
manorial
privileges,

¹ 'prestacionem.'

² i. e. by the space of: 'per.'

³ Omit the bracketed words, inserted in error.

⁴ 'Iunii,' in the Latin.

⁵ 'de parvo feodo.'

⁶ 'vel cuicunque dare . . . voluerit.'

with prohibition to part with it to Jews, at a quit-rent of 6d.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £150.

About 1275. Sale to Oseney, by Nicholas of Weston-on-the-Green, [burial at Oseney] of a hide, with messuage, crofts, and meadow (as in 205), with its bond men,

subject to 6d. quit-rent to Tew manor (as the mesne lord).

to geve selle or bequethe or to assyne he wille bothe to religiouse men and to oþer (Juys owetake), frely quitely holy well and In pece for Euer, zeldyng þerof 3erely to me and to my heyres or to myne assynes, at Adburbury, vj. d. at cristemasse, for all⁴ seculer *seruices*, Sutes of courtes, helpis, tallages, exaccions, and all oþer demaundes in what-so-Euer maner or name they bee i-callid; the which of þe londe or for that londe maye be axid or schaff mowe, al so muche as to me or to my heyres *perteynyth*, 8 And doyng to þe chefe lordes¹ of þe ffee dewe *seruice* and i-wonyd. And I, Hugh, and myne heyres or assines, þe foresaide mesis and Croftes and plowe of londe, with all *pere pertinences*, to þe foresaide Nycoff and to his heyres or assynes¹² all (except Juys), agaynste all men and women, cristen and Juys, for þe foresaide *seruice* schaff warantize for Euer, aquite, & defende. And for this 3evyng and of this present charter *confermyng* and warantizyng aquite & defendyng, þe foresaide¹⁶ Nycoff 3afe to me Cl. ii. of goode & lawfull moneye by-fore handes in weryson. And that all these thynges before-namyd Sure and stabull for Euer abide, &c². The witnesse, Sir thomas of Seynte Wygoꝛ, þenne srhreue of oxonforde; Sir Raph of²⁰ Dyue, Knyzghites, &c².

[206.] KNOWE tho that been present And to bee þat I, Nycoff of Westoñ, 3afe and grauntid; and with my present charter *confermyd*; to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of²⁴ Oseney and to William Abbot and to þe chanons *pere-seruyng* [God], where I haue i-wollyd me to be i-beried; j. plowlonde, with the *pertinences*, In the towne and feldis of Edburbury, with my chefe mese, as with medis and Croftes, and with²⁸ homages and *seruices* of my free tenautes, and with my bonde men and *pere catall* and *seruices* & sequelis, and all þat in the foresaide towne or feldis I had or myzghit haue, withoute oony reteynyng to me or to myne heyres: to be had and to be holde,³² to þe saide church ande chanons, of me and myne heyres, In-to pure and *perpetuell* almes, al so moch as *perteyneth* to me and to myne heyres, zeldyng þerof for me and my heyres to Sir Hugh of Tywe vj. d. 3erely, and Dewe *seruices* to the chefe lordes³⁶ of the ffee. And I, Nycoff, and myne heyres, the foresaide

¹ MS. has 'londes' by a slip.

plowe of londe, with all his *pertinences*, to the saide church and chanon̄s, agaynste all cristen̄ men̄ and Juys, by the foresaide *seruice*, schall warantize, aquite, And Defende. And if we mowe
 4 not, we schall geve agayne to þem CC. marke and xxv. the which for the foresaide londe to me before-handes paye paid, with-inne A moneth In the which pay been i-axid, vndur payne of xx. li. to be payde to þe Kyng. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

[Warranty against Jews.]
 Purchase-money, £150.
 [Penalty of £20 to the king.]

8 [207.] KNOW paye that Been present And to come þat I, Adam, Soone And heyre of Nycoff * of Weston, grauntid and quite-claymyd, and with this present charter confermyd, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to frere
 12 William, Abbot, and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, þe gifte that Nycoff my ffadūr to þem yafe in the towne and felde of Edburbury, of j. dwellyng with the *pertinences*, and j. plowe of londe, with medis, *seruices* of ffree mēn, and his customarys, in the
 16 same towne: to be holde and to be had, to þe foresaide church and chanon̄s, In-to pure and perpetueff almes, al so moche as longeth to me and to myne heyres, as þe charter þe which þe saide Abbot and Couent of þe saide Nycoff my ffadūr hauēd
 20 fully witnessith, doying þerof to þe Chefe lordes of þe ffee dewe *seruice* & i-wonyd. And for this graunte, quite-clayme, and confirmacion, þe foresaide Abbot And Couent yafe to me xl. marke of sterlynges. And that this my graunte, &c^o.

About 1275.
 * leaf 45, back.
 Sale to Oseney, by Adam son of Nicholas of Weston, of his interest in no. 206.

Purchase-money, £26 13s. 4d.

24 [208.] THIS is the ffinall corde i-maade bitwene vs and the same Adam of the same londe, In owre lorde the Kynges Courte, At Westmynyster, In the morowe of passencion of owre lorde, In the þere of the Rayne of Kynge Edwarde þe soone of Kyng
 28 Henry the iiiijth ¹, Afore Master Roger off Seyton, Master Richard Stanes, John of Cobeham, Master Raph off ffrenyngham, Thomas Welonde, And John louetofte, Justices, and other true mēn of the Kynges thenne there present, bitwene Adam of Weston,
 32 axer, & William, Abbot of Oseney, holder, of j. mese, Cxij. acris [of land], x. acris of mede, xvij. 3. of Rente, with the *pertinences*, In Adburbury, Whereof it was i-pletid bitwene þeme in the same Courte, þat is to Say, that þe foresaide Adam knowleggid
 36 the foresaide tenement, with the *pertinences*, to Be the ryght

1276, May 15.
 Formal confirmation to Oseney, by Adam son of Nicholas, of his grant (no. 207),

viz. a messuage, 112 acres arable, 10 acres meadow, and 18s. of quit-rents.

¹ i. e. Henry III, see note 5, p. 36.

Purchase-money as in 207.

of þe saide Abbot and of his Church of Oseney, and that he relese and quite-claymed [it] of hym and of his heyres, to þe foresaide Abbot, and to his successours, and to his church for Euer. And for this reconizaunce, Relese, quite-clayme, fyne, and Acorde, þe same Abbot yafe to þe foresaide Adam xl. marke of Siluer.

1288.

Suit against Oseney, by the king (represented by William of Gisligham), to recover a hide in Adderbury; and call by Oseney on the co-heiresses of Hugh of Tew to fulfil said Hugh's warranty of no. 205,

[209.] OUR lord þe Kyng, by William of Gysilyngham, the which pursuyth for þat¹, (he²) axith agaynste þabbot of 8 Oseney j. plowe of londe, with the pertinences, In Adburbury as his ryght, &c³, þe which þe foresaide Abbot to our lord Kyng defortid³, &c³.

And Anoper tyme þabbot i-callid þere-of to ware⁴ Richard 12 of lyonns And Emme his wife, Raph the Soone of Ranulph of Astrop and William⁵ his wife, and Hugh of Hynton and molde his wife, the which now come by summornenyng⁶ and axe to be schewed to þem by what thyng þey bee holde to 16 ware⁷.

And þabbot sayeth þat þe foresaide tenauntries were of Hugh Tywe (whoos heyres þe foresaide Emme, William and molde Been), þe which þe foresaide tenementes zafe to Nycoff of Wes- 20 toñ, to be had and to be holde to hym and to his heyres, and Byndeth hym-selfe and his heyres to⁸ ware, to þe same Nycoff and to his heyres and to his assynes, þe foresaide tene*mentes; And he sayeth that he is þe Assyne of þe foresaide, and as asyne 24 is i-callid⁹ þere-of to the ware aforesaide Emme, William And molde, Also with here husebandes, heyres of þe foresaide Hugh, And bryng[eth] a charter of the foresaide Hugh, the¹⁰ witnessith that the same Hugh yafe to þe foresaide Nicoff the 28 foresaide londe And Byndith hym-selfe and his heyres to ware to þe foresaide Nicoff and to his heyres and to his assynes, ꝥ. He Bryngeth also Anoper charter vndur the name of þe foresaide Nicoff, the¹⁰ witnyssith that the Same Nicoff yafe to þe Same 32

* leaf 46.

as in 205,

and in 206.

¹ A mistranslation: read 'for him,'
'pro eo' = for the king.

² Omit 'he.'

³ By a slip for 'deforcid.'

⁴ 'ad warrantiam.'

⁵ 'Willelmam.'

⁶ = summoning.

⁷ 'warantizare.'

⁸ 'ad warrantizandum.'

⁹ Passive substituted wrongly for the active: 'and as assign he calls to the warranty thereof...'

¹⁰ 'the which,' or article used as relative.
Cp. p. 167, n. 1; p. 170, n. 2.

Abbot and to his successours the foresaide londe, and Byndeth hym-selfe and his heyres and assynes to ware, *℞*.

And Richard and Emme sayen that the foresaide Hugh
4 of Tywe In a tyme ffeffed them of the foresaide tenement, the¹
where pere-of (pe²) Insesonyd by that ffeffing by longe tyme,
till pe foresaide Hugh of Tywe pem after³ pere dissesonyng;
wherefore perof⁴ he axith dissesonyd that they haue accion
8 to the tenement aforesaide to be axid; by the dissesonyng to
pem i-made, as it is i-saide afore, if pey be holde ware to pe
foresaide Abbot pe foresaide tenement.

Ande, fore pe saide Richard [and the others] may not vnsay
12 but pat pe saide Hugh of Tywe yafe to pe foresaide Nicoll and
to his heyres the foresaide tenement, and Bownde hym-selfe
and his heyres of pe foresaide Hugh of Tywe to ware to pe fore-
saide Nicoll his heyres And his assynes, *℞*; hit⁵ may not
16 be pat the foresaide Abbot be passyne of pe foresaide Nicoll;
noþer but that saide Richard and oþer also, with here wyffes,
been pe heyres of the foresaide Hugh of Tywe, and pay saye
none oþer thyng why they ofte not to be to ware, hit is to
20 be truste⁶ that pay [shall] warantize, and been in mercy for
afore pey warantized not, *℞*.

And the foresaide Richard and oþer defende pere ryght and
sesynng⁷ of owr lorde Kynges blode, *℞*. as of ffee and ryght, *℞*.
24 and putteth hym-selfe in⁸ lawe of pe Cuntre In the stede
of A grete assise of owr lorde pe Kyng, And axith reconysaunce
to be made where thay haue more ryght by warancie In the
foresaide londe, or pe Kyng. perfore it is to be say quod pe
28 schreve make make to come pem afore owr lorde Kyng, fro the
Daie of Estur In-to xij.⁹ moneth, *℞*. To Recognicion, *℞*.

Richard of
Lions as-
serted that
he and his
wife held
the hide in
question,
by grant of
Hugh of
Tew, who
unjustly
took it from
them;
and there-
fore they
claimed it.
Oseney
case re-
stated.

The case
was sent
for trial.

[210.] OXONFORD. Richard of liouns, by his attorney, 1289.
axith pat¹⁰ thabbot of Oseney j. mese, j. plowlonde, & x. s. of
At the Ox-
ford assises,

¹ 'the,' apparently for 'who': 'qui fuerunt inde in seisina.' Cp. p. 166, n. 10.

² Omit 'pe.'

³ Read 'after[wards] there[of] disseisined': 'postea inde disseisionauit.'

⁴ Read 'he asks, having been thereof disseisined.'

⁵ Read (still governed by 'unsay') 'nor that the foresaid abbot is not the assign': 'nec quin predictus abbas sit assignatus.'

⁶ 'Consideratum est.'

⁷ 'seysinam domini Regis consanguinei.'

⁸ 'in iure patrie': i. e. to be tried in the county, and not at Westminster.

⁹ Read 'i.' The number of the jury has been prefixed to the date of summons. Latin: 'in unum mensem xii. [probos viros etc.] ad recognicionem etc.'

¹⁰ Read 'against': 'versus.'

in the suit against Oseney by Richard of Lions to recover a messuage, a hide, and rent-charges, Oseney's guarantors (co-heiresses of Hugh of Tew) stated * leaf 46, back, that Hugh of Tew, giving his daughter Emma in marriage to Richard son of Roger of Lions, settled on her and him said hide to be held by rent of £7 6s. 8d. till he made other provision for them, but that Hugh got back from them said hide on settling lands in Swerford on them;

but Richard of Lions denied that he had land in Swerford in exchange for the Adderbury holding.

Rente, with the *pertinences*, In Edburbury, in the which þe same Abbōt hath noone Entre but after þe dissesonyng the which Roger of lyuns þereof vnrȝhtfully And withoute Juggement maade to þe Same Richard after the ffyrst, 1. And 4 pabbot come and else i-callid þerof to ware the foresaide Richard of lyouns And Emme his wiffe, Raph the Soone of Ranulph of Astrop Ande William his wiffe, Hugh of Hyngton And moolde his wiffe, the which now come By summenyng And to hym 8 ware and Defende his ryȝht quando, 1.

And saye that In a tyme Appelyng afore¹ whas i-maade [between] oon Hugh of Tywe (fadur * of the foresaide Emme, William, and Moolde) and oon Roger of lions (ffadur of þe¹² fforesaide Richard) [when] þat the Same Richard weddid the foresaide Emme, so that the Same Hugh [gave] to þem (Richard and Emme) þe foresaide tenementes, as mariage of the Same Emme, to be holde In tenauntie By the *seruice* of xj. marke by 16 yere, till þe Same Hugh had i-made to hym In Eschaunge for the foresaide tenementes to þe valour of An C. silynworth of londe in A certeyne place; þe² which Sothely Hugh assined to theme A C. schelyngworth of londe In Swere-20 forde, of the which thay been In sesenyng: by the which þe foresaide tenementes, now i-axid, to the foresaide Hugh were i-returnd, whereof Defawtith³ þe foresaide Richard is in sesenyng of the foresaide C. 3. of londe in Swereforde 24 for⁴ the foresaide tenementes In Edburbury. Axid⁵ Juggement.

And Richard Saieth that hee Allone whas i-ffeid of the foresayde tenementes In Edburbury by the foresaide Hugh 28 of Tywe while hee whas withinne Age, and, withoute oony condicion, and withinne age, dissesined by the foresaide Roger; and saith that he noone londe holdeth In Swereforde In Eschaunge for þe foresaide tenementes In Edburbury, And of 32 that he putteth hym-self vpon the Cuntre; And þe foresaide Richard and other also.

þefore hit whas i-commaundid to the schreve þat he schulde

¹ 'dicunt quod aliquo tempore quaedam prelocutio facta fuit.'

² 'quidam Hugo.'

³ This word seems to be a guess at a contraction in the Latin, possibly 'de

facto,' = as a matter of fact.

⁴ In exchange for: 'pro.'

⁵ The party that had urged the above argument.

make come here, fro the daye of Estur^h bithyn^h ¹ xv. daies
 xij. ², &c^o. *per quos*, bi the which, ³. And the which, ³, to the
 Recognicion, ³, *quia tam*, ³. Aftirwarde fro the Daye of Estur In-
 4 to iij. wokes of our^h reine nowe þe xvij. come parties And the
 foresaide Raph and William, Hugh & Moolde, Saien^h that þe
 foresaide Richard none ryȝht clayme maye In the foresayde
 tenementes for he ³ Saieth that he hym-selfe relesed^h and quite-
 8 claymed^h, of hym-selfe and his heyres aforesaide, to Raph and
 Willyam, Hugh and^h moolde, all the ryȝht & clayme [that
 he had] in þe foresaide tenementes for Euer, by A writyng
 of A quite-clayme that þay schowen^h in ⁴ that witnysseth, And^h
 12 the foresaide Richard maye not þat vnsaye, but ⁵ that hee
 grauntith. *perfor* þe Saide Raph and *oper* perof withoute daye.
 And Richard for false clayme In mercy.

The sheriff
 ordered
 inquisition
 by a jury
 of 12.

At last a
 quit-claim
 made by
 Richard of
 Lions him-
 self to the
 co-heiresses
 was pro-
 duced, and
 he lost his
 case and
 was fined.

[211.] PLEIS at Westmynster, afore Thomas of Weylonde ⁶
 16 and his ffelaws Justices of our^h lorde Kynge of the Banke,
 fro þe terme of Seynte Myȝheff, In the ȝere of the Reyne
 of Kynge Edwarde the Soone of Kynge Henry xv, Weylonde
 begynnyng xvj. Weylond^h Michael^h xv.

Reference
 to the re-
 cords of the
 Court of
 Common
 Pleas, for
 no. 210.

[XXXIIII⁷.] HOKENORTON.

20 [212.] PABBOT of Oseney hathe In Hokenorto^h, of the yifte
 of Robert Doylly, and^h confirmacion of Henry Doylly, and^h of
 Kynges of Inglonde, and^h of Bisshops, And^h of the Chapter
 of lincoln, and^h confirmacion of Pope Eugenie the iij, þe church
 24 * of Hokenorto^h, and j. hide of londe, with the pertinences,
 of the Dowre of þe Church, as it is open^h Abofe In the title
 of 'þe ffundacion of þe Church.'

Reference
 to nos. 12,
 16, 13, 14,
 19, 18.

* leaf 47.

[213.] BE hit i-knowe to true men^h of Holy church, bothe
 28 present and^h to be, þat I, Robert dolly, willyng and consentyng

Reference
 to

¹ By a slip for 'within.'

² i. e. 'probos homines.'

³ Read 'they say': 'qui dicunt.'

⁴ The meaning is plain, but the grammar
 even in the Latin is confused.

⁵ 'immo illud concedit.'

⁶ Thomas of Weyland, Justice of Com-
 mon Pleas 1274, Chief Justice 1278-88.

⁷ Titulus XXXIIII is either missing, or
 that figure has been dropped out in the
 numeration.

no. 12.

Edithe my wiffe and my Soones Henry and Gilberte, yefe and Graunte, In-to perpetueſt Almes, to þe Church of god and of Seynte marie his modur and to þe chanonſ In hit Seruyng god, *℞*, as aboſe, In the title of 'þe ffundacion of Oseneye,' In the 4 ffirſt and principaſt charter.

About
1150.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Henry
Doyly I,

[214.] BE hit i-know to true meñ of holy church that I, Henry Doylly, willyng and grauntynge fi . . .¹ my Broþer and oþer ffrendes and my meñ, yefe and graunte, In-to ffree and 8 perpetueſt almes, to þe Church of Seynte marie of Oseney, for þe Sowle of Kyng Henry, and for þe Sowle of my ffadur Robert Doylly þe² þat ſame church foundid; ande for þe Sowle of Gillebert my Broþer, and for þe Sowles of oþer myne aunceturs, 12 & for þe ſowle³ of my lorde Henry and myne And aſt my ffrendes, x. ii. (pownde⁴) worth of londe, that is to ſaye, In Hokenorton my maner, the londe þe which Is i-callid preſte felde (þe which ſumtyme to þe church of þe Same towne longed) 16 after⁵ þat hit ſchaſt be preued to Availe By the oþe of meñ, And ij. hides of londe In the Same maner, þe which þe foresaide church ſumtyme had of þe Graunte of my ffadur, after his value⁶; And if oony þynge lacke⁷ to be performed x. pownde 20 worthe, I ſchaſt performe hit, or in the nowe Saide towne or in myne oþer londes, after that we maye Beſte purueye, *℞*.

in Hook-
norton, of
Preſt field,
and two
hides
granted
by Robert
Doyly II (as
in no. 24).

About
1160.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Henry
Doyly I,

[215.] BE hit i-knowe to aſt Criſten meñ that I, Henry Doylly, owre lorde þe Kynges conſtabſe, yaſe and grauntid; and 24 with my preſent charter confermyd I haue, to god And to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanonſ þere ſeruyng god, In-to ffree pure and perpetueſt Almes, for þe Sowle of my modur and of myne aunceturs, j. dñ.-hide of londe in 28 Hokenorton, þat, þat is to ſay, the which thomas la burne helde, with meſis, and aſt oþer þynges to þe foresaide londe

of a half-
hide, with
meſſuage,
meadow,

¹ The erasure suggests that something was felt to be wrong. The Latin is 'concedente Roberto filio regis, fratre meo.' Edith, daughter of Forn, bore to Henry I a son, Robertus filius regis, who was half-brother to Henry Doyly, married a Devonshire heiress, and died about 1170.

² Either 'the [which],' or article for relative: 'qui eandem ecclesiam fundavit.'

³ Read 'welfare'; 'pro salute.'

⁴ Omit 'pownde,' as already given in the contraction 'li.'

⁵ i. e. at its estimated value: 'secundum quod probabitur valere per iuramentum proborum hominum.'

⁶ 'secundum valentiam suam.'

⁷ 'siquid defuerit ad perficiendas decem libratas, ego perficiam.'

perteynyng, both In medes and^r pastures, In weies and^r patthis, and in all o^{per} thynges, with þe Same thomas and his modur & his Suster, with all þere goodes; ffurþermore, A mese with
 4 A Crofte that Richard Hirelonde¹ helde, And A mese with þe Gardeyne that Roger^r Weuer helde, And A mese with þe Gardēn that Guynylde widow helde, And also þe londe vnto þe church yerde. Þese londes I wille and^r Surely charge þat þe forsaide
 8 church and Chanon^s of Oseney haue and^r holde, weſſe and in pece, fully and^r worschipfully, with all fredom^s and^r fre customs þat I, or oony of myne aunceturs, In thoo londes have i-had while they were in ow^r hande. These witnyssis.

and other rights, with a bondman-tenant, his mother, and sister, 3 messuages (each with a garden), and a piece of land.

12 [216.] BE it i-know to all true meñ of holy church that
 I, Henry Doylly, þe Soone * of Henry Doylly, with þe consent and assent of Robert my Broþer and with þe counsell of my ffre meñ, grauntid, & with this present charter confermyd,
 16 to the Church of god and of Seynte marie of Oseney and^r to þe chanons þere seruyng god, all þoo yiftes the which meñ of my ffee to the Same church made, as þe charters of þe Same witnyssen, þat is to saye, of þe yifte of Hugh of Tywe þe londe
 20 of bothe stanehale, with all þynges to þe Same londe perteynyng, of þe which Robert my Beelesire and Henry my ffadur quite-claymed^r to þe foresaide church all þe Seruice þat to þem and to þere heyres þere-of whas dewe; In Cleydon, of the yifte of
 24 philipp of Hampton, dñ. and hide whereof my ffadur all þe Seruice that to hym and^r to his heyres whas dewe quite-claymed^r to þem; In the same towne, of þe yifte of leonarde of Whitefelde, j. yerde of londe þe which Gilbert corbelle^r 2 helde, with
 28 þat mañ and all his childroñ, and^r xij. acris in spetesham, and vj. acris at þe woode at Harestaine, and^r vj. acris at Wytereden; In Hokenorton, of the yifte of Sibille the wiffe of Robert ffijt Gye & of Raph boterelle and of Juliañ his wiffe, xx. acris
 32 þe which been in the crofte³ of prestesfelde by Widecumbe; and v. mansuris or dwellynges withinne Hokenorton, j. agaynste þe howse of Adam clerke, Another agaynste þe howse of Elfwyne Reve, þe þirde agaynste þe howse of þe Same Elfwyne of þe
 36 o^{per} parte of the weye with the Crofte and Gardēn þe which

About 1184.

* leaf 47, back.

Confirmation to Oseney, by Henry Doyly II, as feudal superior,

(a) of both Stonehales, given by Hugh of Tew;

(b) in Claydon, Philip of Hampton's gift (as in no. 24), and Leonard of Whitfield's gift of a yard-land with its serf-tenant and 24 acres,

(c) in Hook-norton, of no. 217,

¹ 'Hiberniensis.'

² 'corbeiller.'

³ Read 'end': 'in fine.'

William Calcebote helde, þe fowrthe By the howse of Elfwyne Sputi, þe fife bitwene the howse of Edward palmer and swyne and of 219, þe soone of Beatrige; The sixte, of þe yifte of William of Heteuille¹ & of Johan his wife, the which William of Hampton 4 helde, with that mañ [and all his], and añ² halle (þe which is i-set bitwene the dwellyng of William Derby & the dwellyng of William Burgeys) and añ his parte In the mede of Smededeñ, and poo twoo acris (of³) þe which þe Incluse In Hokenortoñ in 8 Almys helde, and j. acre of the me[de] of Heme mede; of the yifte of William fñzt Helie and of Emme his wiffe þe church of Pyrye & the rygñt of Aduocacion of the same, And halfe añ hide of londe In ledehale, with ij. mansions þe which been 12 bitwene the dwellyng of Gilbert and the dwellyng of Sawakañ, with the crofte to þe same dwellyng perてynyng, & with the mede to the halfe-hide perてynyng; In Westoñ, of the yifte of William fñzt Moolde, ij. acris and añ the mede that is in the 16 hedis of them At Bakesmulne, and the pride acre þe which is in the hede of the mede þe which is i-callid Aldefelde, to be holde for Euer of hym and of his heyres by oon ti. of pepur yerely; Of the yifte of Raph of Aumery, In blechesdoñ, j. yerde of 20 the lordeschip, And A-noþer yerde of þe vilenage (or towne⁴) þe which whas of Raph Blund; Of the yifte of fflowke de la Graue, ij. acris at Haraldes * Welle. Of this graunte and confirmacion been witnesse Robert my Broþer, &c⁵.

24

About
1160.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Ralph
Boterell,

of his
mother-in-
law Sibill's
gift of 20
acres and
5 houses,

[217.] BE hit i-knowe to all true meñ of Hooly Church that I, Raph boterell, prayng and willyng Juliañ my wyffe and Johan her Dowgñter, yafe and grauntid; In-to ffree and perてuell almes, to þe Church of god and of Seynte Marie of 28 Oseney and to the chanoñs þere seruyng god, xx^{ti} acris of my londe þe which Been in the yende⁶ of prestefelde By Wydecumbe, the which Sibill þe modur of my wiffe 3afe to the Same church; and v^{q^{ue}} dwellynges withinne Hokenortoñ, j. agaynste 32 þe howse of Adam Clerke, Another Agaynste þe howse of Elfwyne Reve, the thirde agaynste þe howse of the Same

¹ Hereville.

² The text seems doubtful even in the Latin.

³ Omit 'of.'

⁴ Read 'bonde': alternative rendering of 'vilenage.'

⁵ One is Robert de Witefeld (Sheriff of Oxon. 1182-5).

⁶ 'in fine.'

Elfwyne of þe oper parte of þe wey with the Crofte And
 Gardeyne the which William Calcebote helde, The iiij. By the
 howse of Elfwyne Sputi, The v. bitwene the howse of Edwarde
 4 palmer and Sueyne ffit Betriche; And A mede the which is by
 the Courte of Oseney of the oper parte of þe water, for the
 which mede they schall paye Euery yere to þe Church of Seynte
 frideswithe for me xij. d. In the Daye of Seynte John Baptiste
 8 for all service. This yifte I made to þeme ffree and quite for all
 service, both riall and otheṛ, and all exaccion in there Chapitre
 afore the Couent, and vppoṇ þe Auteṛ, to-geduṛ with my wiffe,
 I offeryd hit. Þese witnysses, &c^o.

and a
 meadow,

subject to
 13d. quit-
 rent to
 St. Frides-
 wyde's
 priory.
 [Offering on
 the altar.]

[NOTE.—The stem given in this and the deeds which follow is :—

Guy
 |
 Robert m. Sibil (217)
 |
 m. Juliana m. Ralph Boterell
 |
 Joanna m. William of Hereville (216, 218, 219)
 |
 William, flor. 1225 (220).]

12 [218.] BE hit i-knowe to all ffeygthfull men of holy church
 that I, Willyam of Hereville, wilyng and grauntyng Johan my
 wiffe, 3afe, and with my present charter confermed; to god & to
 the church of Seynte marie of Oseneye, In-to ffree and perpetueſſ
 16 almes, thoo twoo acris of londe þe which þe Incluse of Hoke-
 norton ynto his dethe helde In almys, that is to say, j. acre
 vppoṇ Otehulle, And j. in Watbrach; and j. acre of mede
 In Heme Mede, to be holde ffrely And quietly and fro all
 20 Seculer service. In-to witnesse of the which yifte þe chanons of
 þe Same church yafe to me xx. ʒ. and to my wiffe j. Besaunte,
 þese witnesse, &c^o.

About
 1180.
 Sale to
 Oseney,
 by William
 of Hereville
 and wife,
 of 2 acres,
 [The In-
 cluse of
 Hook-
 norton.]
 Purchase-
 money, £1
 to husband;
 2s. to wife.

[219.] BE hit i-knowe to all þe Childroṇ of ouṛ holy moduṛ
 24 the Church that I, William of Hereville and Johan my wiffe,
 [3afe], and with this present charter confermyd; In-to ffree and
 perpetueſſ almys, to þe church of god and of Seynte Marie
 of oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, j. dwellyng
 28 of londe In Hokenorton, that is to Say, þe which Willyam of
 Hampton [helde], with pat maṇ and all his, the * which is i-set

About
 1180.
 Grant to
 Oseney,
 by William
 of Hereville
 and wife,
 of land
 with its
 serf-tenant,
 * leaf 48,
 back.

and a share
of common
meadow.

[Oath on
Gospels.]

By the dwellyng of William Kywy And þe dwellyng of John burgeys; and all our parte In the mede of Smededell þe which longeth to owr ffee. This owre yifte and confermyng, free froo all seruice, both riall and oper, and all exaccion for Euer to be 4 kepidd and maynteyned, In the Chapiter of Oseney, Afore the Couent, vppoñ the texte whee sware, both I and my wiffe. These witnesses.

1225.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by William
son of
William of
Hereville,
of nos.
217-9,

and grant
of a serf
or serfs.

[220.] KNOWE paye that Be present and to Bee that I, 8 Willyam of Hereville, fiȝt William of Hereville and of Johan his wiffe, grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, In-to free pure and perpetuell almes, to god and to þe Church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, all 12 þe londes & possessions and ffreedomes, In feldes, In medes, Mesis, meñ, homages, and seruices, Sutes, and all oper thynges, þe which þey haue of þe yiftes of myne Aunceturs In Hokenorton & at Oseney, to be had and to Be i-holde for Euer, 16 of me and of my heyres, frely and quietly fro all seruice Both ryall and other and all exaccion and Demaunde, as þe charters of my aunceturs, þat is to Saye, of Raph Botereñ & of Juliañ his wiffe myne Beeledame, And the charters of William my 20 ffaduñ and of Johan my moduñ, the which þe Saide chanonñ haueñ, witnessen. I haue i-grauntid also to þe Saide chanonñ, for me and myne heyres, philip Corbyñ; And if oony oper mañ of myne þey haue fro¹ þe daye In the which this charter whas 24 i-made, or afore. I also, William, and myne heyres, the foresaide thynges possessions and ffreedomñ and all oper thynges, agaynste all meñ, to the foresaide chanonñ schaff aquite and schaff warantize for Euer. And that this myne yifte and confirmacion, 28 Aquityng and warantizyng ferme And stable for Euer Abide, hit with this present writyng And By the puttyng to of my seale haue I strengthid hit. And this charter whas i-made In the nynghthe yere of Kyng Henry þe Soone of Kyng John: 32 Þese witnesse, &c².

About
1230.

Agreement
by Oseney,

[221.] BE hit i-knowe to all true meñ that when Bitwene J. 2 Abbot And Couent of Oseney, of the oone parte, And John 3 of Hokenorton, the Relicte [of] Thomas of Burne, and William 36

¹ Read 'on.'

² John de Reding, abbot 1229-35.

³ i. e. Johanna.

the Soone of hym, of the oper parte, whas i-stered A controuersie
 In þe Courte of the Saide Abbot vppoñ *seruices* and *seruages*,
 that is to say, In erynges, cariages, Medesutes¹, Mowynge², and
 4 all other *Seruages* to pat dñ. hide of londe the which þe Saide
 Johne of the Saide chanon³ helde In Hokenortoñ. At þe laste,
 at þe Peticion of Sire Henry Doyley and of Moolde his wiffe, þe
 saide chanon³ relesid⁴ and quite-claymed⁵ to þe Saide Johne and
 8 to William her Soone (relesid³ and quite-claymed⁵ to þe saide
 chanon³ all þe Ryght) and to the heyres of them þe foresaide
Seruices And *seruages* And for this relese & * quite-clayme þe
 saide Johne and Willyam her Soone relesid⁴ [and⁴ quit-claimed
 12 to the said canons all the right], for her-selfe and her heyres for
 Euer, that they had or myght haue In oone Crofte the which
 Is i-callid Parroc⁵. they relesid⁴ and also quite-claymed⁵ to
 þe Same chanon³ thre hedis þe which þe Saide chanon³ closid
 16 inne with walle, fforþermore and⁵ Eschange pat þey had assyned⁶
 for þoo thre hedis. And fforþermore, for þe foresaide *seruices*
 and *seruages* þay schall paye yerely vj. s. Also, with viij. s.
 þe which they were i-woned to paye for þe foresaide dñ. hide of
 20 londe, at two termes of the yere, that is to say, At þe Anun-
 ciacion of Seynte Marie vij. s. And at þe fest of Seynte Miȝhell
 vij. s., sauynge to þe saide chanon³ homages, relefis, wardis,
 Eschetes, and Sutes of þere courte. And that þese þynges,
 24 þe which [are] aforesaide, Abide for Euer stable, þe parties
 to þis present writyng put to þere seeles: þese witnessis, &c⁵.

to relieve a
 half-hide of
 the works
 due by it to
 the manor,

* leaf 49.
 on condi-
 tion of the
 holders
 surrender-
 ing their
 interest in
 a croft, and
 in certain
 pieces of
 land,
 paying an
 addition of
 6s. to their
 rent,

and re-
 maining
 subject to
 other
 manorial
 claims.

[222.] Þis is A perpetuell Eschange i-maade At Hoke-
 nortoñ, Bitwene ffrere W.⁶ Abbot of Oseney and the Couent
 28 of þe Same place of þe oone partie, And Raph of Swereforde
 clerke of þe other partie; pat is to Say, that þe saide Abbot
 And Couent yafe and grauntid⁷ to the foresaide Raph and to his
 heyres A place By the haffe of þe same Raph of the Northē
 32 parte þe which bygynneth of⁷ þe hie-weye And stretchith vnto
 the Ende of his Curtilage and By the hie-weye hit conteyneth

About
 1270.
 Exchange
 between
 Oseney and
 Ralph of
 Swerford,
 Oseney giv-
 ing a piece
 of land next
 Ralph's
 hall,

¹ 'metsuris.'

² 'falcaturis.'

³ The bracketed words are brought in
 here out of place from below.

⁴ Inserted from the Latin.

⁵ Verbatim from the Latin. Possibly it

means that they gave up the three 'heads,'
 and did not ask for the land promised in
 exchange.

⁶ Probably William of Sutton, abbot
 1268-84.

⁷ 'a strata publica.'

and re-
ceiving
2 roods,

xviii. foote In Brede And In the Ende of þe Same place allonly
xiii. foote ; And the foresaide Raph, In-to þe Eschange of þat
place, yafe and grauntid to þe foresaide Abbot And Couent, In-
to pure and perpetueñ Almes, j. rodde of Arable londe vppoñ 4
Otehulle at forthsheter, þat is to say, the more weste Rodde,
And anoper rodde of londe the which lieth In the Mershe
In a teltie þe which Is i-callid longefurlonge. And that þis
Eschange be sure and Stable for Euer, the parties to this 8
wrytyng, In-to the maner of A charter i-made, þere Seales
euerich agaynste otheṛ haue i-put to: þese witnessis John of
Herevise, &c^o.

About
1270.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Roger son
of Philip, of

[223.] KNOWE poo that Be Nowe and to Bee that I, Roger 12
ffixt Philip of Hokenorton, yafe and grauntid and with this
present charter confermed, for me And myne heyres and myne
assynes for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marie
of Oseney & to þe chanons þere seruynggod & for Euer to serue, 16
In-to ffree pure and perpetueñ almes, j. dj.-yerde of londe with
þe pertinences, þat is to say :

a half-yard-
land (15½
acres), viz.
in the West
field, 3
acres, 11
half-acres,
3 roods ;

In the Westfelde, j. dj.-acre at Mikeñ mere, In Wachbreche,
And j. dj.-acre in Medulfurlonge In the mershe, And j. dj.-acre 20
agaynste Kyngstrowstrete, And j. Rodde towarde smalestrete,
And j. dj.-acre towarde thremthorn, And j. dj.-acre In-to Wode-
weye, And j. dj.-acre At mylborews [slade¹, and j. dj.-acre
at Wowelonde, and j. dj.-acre at Braylesweye], And j. Rodde 24
By smalebroke, And j. dj.-acre vppoñ Maydenberowe, And
j. dj.-acre vppoñ Hokernesse, And j. dj.-acre at Sholdresweñe²,
And iij. Acris And j. Rodde Abowte Scapulhulle³ :

in East
field,
1 acre,
* leaf 49,
back.
10 half
acres ;

And in the Estfelde, dj. an Acre at Northlonge slado, And 28
j. dj.-acre agaynste Otehull Dicke, And j. dj.-acre At Oldegore,
And j. dj.-acre towarde Wlsi^{*}esweñe, And j. dj.-acre In North-
halfe lambecotestrete, And j. [dj.]-acre⁴ At þe ffyfe Acris, And
j. dj.-acre In Gerardislake, And j.-acre towarde þe Stowre, And 32
j. dj.-acre At Threme Weñe, And j. dj. acre At Whichemestrete,
And j. dj.-acre By Gerardislake :

and an acre
of meadow.

And j. dj.-acre⁵ of mede In Heme mede :

to Be holde and to be had, to þe Saide churchē and chanoñs, 36

¹ Added from the Latin.

² 'schokeresweñe.'

³ 'Stapenhulle.'

⁴ 'half-acre' in the Latin.

⁵ 'an acre,' in the Latin, which is (as
stated in no. 24) the normal amount.

welle and In pece, ffrely and quietly for Euer. And I, Roger and my heyres and myne assines, to¹ þe Saide halfe yerde of londe with the *pertinences* to the saide church and Chanon^s 4 agaynste all Juys and men schall warantize Aquite and Defende for Euer, as ffree pure and owr perpetuell almes. And that pis my yifte graunte, &c².

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

[224.] KNOW þoo that been nowe And to Be that I, John 8 of Chorleton, yafe, *grauntid*, And with this presente my charter confermyd, to ffrrere William, Abbot of Oseney, and to þe chanon^s þere Seruyng god and for Euer to serue, iiij. shelyngworth of yerely rent with the *pertinences* In Hokenorton, In-to ffree 12 pure and perpetuell almys, the which thomas ffrankelyne yerely to me was i-wonyd to paye for j. yerde of londe and A Crofte þat is i-callid Rokeshuff, to Be take of þe Same thomas and his heyres or his assines at two termes of þe yere, that is to say, at 16 þe fest of Seynte Myzghell ij. 3. And at þe ffeste of Seynte Marie in Marche ij. 3. I haue i-grauntid also, to þe foresaide Abbot and chanon^s, all that Euer in the foresaide rente, with his *pertinences*, I had or myzght have, withoute oony agayne-holdyng 20 to me or myne heyres or myne Assines *perteynyng*, with wardis, Releis, Hariettes, And Eschetes, And helpis, and all othe thynges to þe same rente *perteynyng* for Euer. And I, John, And myne heyres or myne assynes, the foresaide iiij. shelyng- 24 worth of rente with all his *pertinences* aforesaide, to the foresaide Abbot And chanon^s for Euer schall warantize, defende, And Aquite, agaynste all cristen men And Juys And women, as ffree pure And owr perpetuell almes. In-to witnesse of the which 28 thyng to this present writyng my seale I haue i-put to. Þese witnesses, &c².

About
1270.

Grant to
Oseney, by
John of
Chorleton,
of a quit-
rent of 4s.
as feudal
superiority
over a yard-
land,

with the
reversion-
ary rights
implied
by it.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

[225.] KNOWE all men that I, Thomas lee ffrankaleyne, Grauntid, for me and myne heyres or myne assynes for Euer, to 32 paye to William, Abbot of Oseney, and to þe chanon^s þere seruyng god, iiij. 3. yerely at þe termes In the charter that they haue of John Chorleton of þe foresaide rente i-contente, And þat þe foresaide Abbot And chanon^s may distrayne [me² and

About
1270.

Acknow-
ledgement
to Oseney,
by Thomas
le franklin,
that he is
bound to

¹ Omit 'to.'

² Inserted from the Latin.

pay them
the quit-
rent, as in
no. 224.

my heirs or my assigns by whatever kind of distraint] þorowgh
all the londes and tenementes (holdyng¹) the which I holde In
Hokenortoñ, and all² the foresaide londis and tenementes
holdyng, to paye to the foresaide Abbot and chanonþ þe foresaide 4
yerely rente at þe termes i-set, if wee fayle (that god forbede).
In-to witenesse, &c².

About
1270.
* leaf 50.
Grant to
Oseney, by
John of
Chorleton,

of a
quarter-
acre.

[226.] KNOWE þoo that Been nowe and to bee pat I, John
Chorleton, yafe & graun³tid, and with this my present Charter 8
confermed for me and myne heyres & for the helth of my Sowle
and of moolde my wiffe And of Sibille my modur and for þe
Sowle of my ffaduþ, In-to pure and perpetuefl almes, to god and
to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanonþ þere 12
seruyng god, þe fourth parte of j. acre þe which lieth By the
pasture the which Is i-callid Helecumbe³ and strecchith In-
to another fourth parte of j. acre of þe foresaide chanonþ of
þe weste parte At Wiggelanam⁴. And I, John, and myne 16
heyres, the foresaide fourth parte of j. acre to þe foresaide
church and chanonþ agaynst all meñ and women for Euer
schaff warantize. And that this my 3evyng, &c².

About
1280.
Grant to
Oseney, by
John son
of John of
Chorleton,

of an en-
closure
on which
stood a
sheephouse.

[227.] KNOWE þoo that Be nowe and to Bee that I, John, 20
the Soone of⁵ þe heyre of John Cherlton, yafe and Grauntid
and with this my charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres or
myne Assynes, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marie of
Oseney and to þe chanonþ þere seruyng god and for Euer to 24
serue, for my helth and of Cristine my wiffe and of my childreñ
And for þe helth of my ffadur & modur and myne Aunceturs, In-
to ffree pure And perpetuefl Almes, that⁶ place with all the
closyng Inne, In Hokenortoñ, vppoñ the which stode þe shepe- 28
howse of John Sumtyme my Beesire And of John Sumtyme
my ffadur, the which lieth By the Abbotes londe of Oseneye of
þe Northe parte: to be holde and to Be had, to þe Saide
chanonþ and to þer Successours, of me and of my heyres or my 32
assines, as ffrely as I John or oony of myne aunceturs hit with
all the closid Inne euer mooste ffrely helde, withoute oony

¹ Omit, out of place: unless it is '[or] holdyng[s],' an alternative rendering.

² 'all . . . holding' = all who hold: 'omnes . . . tenentes' = omnes, qui tenent. . .

³ Holecumbe.

⁴ 'apud Wyggelewam.'

⁵ Read 'and.'

⁶ 'illam placeam cum toto incluso.'

withholdyng. And I, John, and myne heyres or myne Assynes, the Saide place, with alle the close, to þe foresaide church and chanon̄s and to þere successours, agaynste all men, cristen And [Warranty against Jews.]
 4 Juys, schaff warantize, Aquite, and defende, as our pure and Euerlastyng almes. And þat my yifte & graunte and of charter confirmacion, &c^o.

[228.] To all cristen men to the which this present writyng
 8 schaff come, Thomas¹, Erle of Warwike, the Soone of Henry Erle of Warwike helth. To all your knowlege I will it to come, for the helth of my Sowle and of the Sowle of my aunceturs, [me] to haue i-grauntid and with this present charter to
 12 haue i-confermyd, for me Ande myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe Chanon̄s In hit Seruyng god, all the londes, goodes, and possessions, bothe² of the Church and of the lay fee, yiftes, grauntes, confir*macions,
 16 and ffreedomes, to þem i-yefe (to³ þem) of there Aduocates, that is to Say, of Robert Doylly and of Edithe his wiffe, of Henry Doylly the first, of Henry Doylly þe Secunde, and⁴ of all his ffree men tenauntes (or holders) of the ffee of Doylly, as þe
 20 charters of þem (all þe which þe Same chanon̄s vpon these thynges hauen) witnessen: to be holde and to Be had, to þe saide chanon̄s for Euer, In-to ffree pure and perpetuef almes, wefste and In pece, ffrely and quietly, hooly and worschipfully, In
 24 there owne Demaynes, & villenages, In wodys, playnys, medes, ffedynges, pasturis, Communes, waters, Milles, poundes⁵, ffyssheweres, stewys, weyis, Patthis, and in all other thynges and places, with all liberteis and ffree custom̄s, quietaunces, and
 28 with all thynges [pertaining⁶, in town and without town, as in the charters of all the beforesaid more] ffully Been conteyned. And this Grauntyng, I. And⁷ all-soo with all liberteis and with all pertinences, In towne and owte of towne, as In charters

1232.

Confirmation to Oseney, by Thomas, earl of Warwick,

of all grants by * leaf 50, back. his predecessors in the barony of Hooknorton, and by men of their fee,

with all manorial privileges.

¹ Thomas of Newburgh, succeeded as 6th earl of Warwick in 1229, died 1242; had inherited the barony of Hooknorton from his mother Margery, sister and heiress of Henry Doyly II.

² 'possessiones tam ecclesiasticas quam laicas.'

³ The bracketed words are in error for 'of the gifts'; 'eis collatas de donis advo-

catorum suorum.' Here 'advocati' is used in the technical sense of the 'patrons' (i. e. the Doyly family) of Oseney.

⁴ 'et omnium liberorum hominum tenendum de feodo de Oylli.'

⁵ i. e. ponds: '(in) stagnis.'

⁶ Added from the Latin.

⁷ i. e. the copyist now brings in the words he has dropped two lines above.

of all þe foresaide thynges fully Been conteyned. Þese Been witnesse Godefrey of Graucumbe¹, þenne schrewe of oxonforde, 1.

About
1260?
Grant to
Oseney, by
Simon of
Hereville,
of his in-
terest in
a stream,
to supply
their mill-
pond.

[229.] To all cristen men, Symon of Hereville helth In 4
our lorde. Knowe ye all me to haue i-grauntid² and quite
to haue i-claymed, for me and myne heyres, to Sir Richard³
Abbot of Oseney, and to þe chanons þere Seruyng god, all the
ryght and clayme þat I had or myght have In the litull Riuer 8
that is i-callid Karsewelle lake, so that þe Saide chanons the
saide lake vppon þere Demayne maye turne hit to þere Milfe
and quietly maye haue hit, withoute oony agayne-saying of me
or of myne heyres for Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o. 12

About
1270.
Grant to
Oseney, by
William le
Brune,
of an acre
of meadow.

[230.] KNOWE⁴ they that Been nowe And to Bee that [I],
William lee Brune yafe & Grauntid, toke and Deliuered, and
with my present charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres for
Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseneye and 16
to þe chanons þere seruyng God and for Euer to Serue, j. acre of
mede In the commune mede of Hokenorton In Smechdole: to
be holde and to Be had, to þe saide church and Chanons, well
and In pece, ffrely and quietly, In-to ffree pure and perpetuell 20
almes for Euer. And I William and myne heyres the Saide
acre of mede, to þe fforesaide chanons of Oseney, agaynste all
pepuß (Juys and cristen men), schall warantize, Aquite, And
Defende for Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o. 24

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

About
1270.
Grant to
Oseney, by
William le
Brune,
of a half-
acre.
* leaf 51.

[231.] KNOWE thoo that Be nowe And to Bee that I, William
lee Brune of Hokenorton, yafe and Grauntid and with this
present charter confermyd, for me & for myne heyres for Euer,
to God and to þe church of Seynte Marie of oseney and to the 28
Chanons þere Seruyng and for Euer to Serue, j. dñ.-Acre of
*Arable londe In the Weste Crofte Att Botted Dich: to Be
holde and to Be had, to þe Saide church and chanons þere
Seruyng god, well and in pece, ffrely and quietly, In-to ffree 32

¹ Godfrey of Crawlcombe was sheriff of Oxfordshire, 10-16 Henry III, 1226-31: Davenport's *Oxfordshire* (1888), p. 25.

² Marginal note: 'Kersewell lake to cum to their myll which lake is called the

shere Lake & lyeth above Kerseis were.'

³ Probably Richard de Apletre, abbot 1254-68.

⁴ Marginal note: 'Hokenorton.'

and perpetueſſ almes for Euer. And I, William lee Brune, and myne heyres, þe Saide dȝ.-acre of londe, to the Saide churchē and chanon̄s of Oseneye, agaynste aȝl meñ and womēñ, schaff
4 warantize Aquite and Defende ffor Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

[232.] KNOWE þoo that Beñ nowe and to Bee þat I, William lee Brune of Hokenortoñ, yafe Grauntid and with this present charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to
8 God and to the church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere Seruyng, a yerely rente of j. d. In the towne of Hokenortoñ, the which thomas ffrankaleyne of Hokenortoñ was i-wonyd to paye to me In the Daye of Seynt John Baptiste,
12 and what-So-Euer þyng maye happe of the Same rente, withoute reteynyng to me and to myne heyres for Euer: to be holde and to Be had, to the saide Church and chanon̄s þere Seruyng god, well and In peece, ffreely and quietly, In-to ffree pure and per-
16 petueſſ almys for Euer. And I, William Browne, and myne heyres, þe foresaide rente with þe pertinences, to the Saide church and chanon̄s, agaynste aȝl meñ, schaff warantize Aquite And Defende ffor Euer. In-to witnyss, &c^o.

About
1270.

Grant to
Oseney, by
William le
Brune,

of a quit-
rent of 1d.,
as feudal
superiority
over lands
(cf. 224),
with the
reversion-
ary and
other rights
implied
by it.

[233.] KNOWE þoo that Bee nowe and to Bee that I, William lee Brune, yafe Grauntid and with this present charter confermyd, for me And myne heyres for Euer, to God And to þe church of Seynt Marie of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s þere Seruyng
24 god and for Euer to Serue, j. dȝ.-acre of Arable londe In the ffelde of Hokenortoñ agaynste thremthorñ By-Side the londe of William Sweyne, And j. Rodde of londe the wich strecchith hit-Selfe In lambecotestrete By the londe of William Sweyne:
28 to be holde and to be had, well and In peece, ffreely and quietly, In-to ffree and perpetueſſ almes for Euer. And I, William, and myne heyres, þe Saide dȝ.-acre and j. rodde of londe, to þe fore-
saide church and chanon̄s þere seruyng god, agaynste aȝl meñ
32 and womēñ, schaff warantize Aquite And Defende for Eueñ. In-to witness, &c^o.

About
1270.

Grant to
Oseney, by
William le
Brune,

of a half-
acre,

and a rood.

[234.] KNOWE þoo that Bee present and to Be that I, William Brune, yafe and Grauntid toke and Deliuered and with
36 this present charter confermed, for me and myne heyres for Euer,

About
1270.

Grant to
Oseney, by

William le
Brune,

of a half-
acre and
2 butts,
* leaf 51,
back.
subject to
quit-rent
of 1s. 6d.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe
chanon̄s þere Seruyng god and for Euer to Serue, for my helth
and of Anneys my wiffe and of my Aunceturs, In-to ffree pure
and perpetueſſ almes, j. dñ.-Acre of Arable londe, with ij. Buttes, 4
Att Hertelfeet ¹ In the ffeelde of Hokenortoñ, sauynge * A rente
of xvij. d. to ² the foresaide chanon̄s at ij. termes In the yere to
Be payd : to Be holde and to be had, to þe Saide church and
chanon̄s, weſſ and in pece, ffrely and quietly for Euer. And I, 8
William, and my heyres, the Saide londe with the pertinences,
to the saide church and chanon̄s, Agaynste all meñ, Juys and
Cristen, schall warantize, Aquite, & Defende for Euer. In-to
witnessse, &c^o.

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About
1230.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Robert
Bernard,
of feudal
superiority
over a free-
hold, repre-
sented by
5s. quit-
rent.

[235.] KNOWE þoo that been nowe and to Bee that I,
Robert Bernarde of Hokenortoñ, for my helth and with thassente
of ffelice My wyffe and of Geffrey my ffirst Borne Soone, yafe
and Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd, to God 16
and to the church of Seynte Marie of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s
þere seruyng god, all the ryȝht that I had or myȝht haue In
j. acre ³ of londe, with þe pertinences, at Hokenortoñ, that is to
Say, þe which that philippe of Hampton helde of me, paying to 20
me yerely v. s., [that is to say], at þe Birth of ouȝr lorde ij. s. vj. d.
and at þe Natiuite of Seynte John Baptiste ij. s. vj. d. : to be
had and to Be holde, to þe Same chanons for Euer, with homages
of þe Same philippe, and with all pertinences, ffrely And pesibly, 24
hooly and quietly, fro all Seculeȝ seruice, exaccion, and Demaunde,
sauynge þe Tenure of þe Same philippe and of his heyres. And
I, the Saide Robert, and myne heyres, the saide yevyng to the
Saide chanon̄s schall warantize and Defende for Euer agaynste 28
all meñ and women. And for this yevyng Grauntynge con-
fermyng and warantizynge [the ⁴ said canons gave me, of the
charity of the house, iij. marks. And that this my gift may]
Abide Sure and Stedefast (also confermyng and warantizynge), 32
hit, with this present writyng and puttyng too of my Seale,
I have i-strengthid hit: Þese witnessis, &c^o.

Purchase-
money, £2.

¹ 'Hertelston.'

² Read probably 'by'; but the Latin is
'predictis Canonis' not 'a predictis.'

³ Read 'yardland': *virgata*.

⁴ Added from the Latin.

[236.] KNOW thoo þat Bee nowe and to Bee that I, [Robert] Bernarde of Hokenortoñ, for þe helth of my Sowle and of the Sowles of my aunceturs, yafe and grauntid and with this present
 4 charter confermyd, to god and to þe church of Seynt marie of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s þere Seruyng god, viij. acris of londe in the feldis of Hokenortoñ, that is to Say, iiij. acris In
 8 j. felde and iiij. a ris in a-notheʀ ffelde, the which (that is to Say) viij. acris Dame sibille sumtyme wiffe of Henry Doylly to fferme of me helde; And fforþermore j. acre, that is to Say, dȝ. and acre agaynste Suddonam [in] j. felde, and dȝ. and acre In
 12 Wulstanescropte In the otheʀ ffelde: to be holde and to be had, to the Saide chanon̄s for Euer, In-to ffree pure and perpetueſſ almes, weſſe and In peece, firely and quietly, fro all Seruiſe, ſeculer exaccion, and Demaunde. And I and myne heyres the
 16 foresaide londe to þe Saide chanon̄s for Euer ſchaſſe * warantize, Defende, And Aquite, agaynste all meñ And women. In-to witneſſe of the which, &c^o.

About 1230.

Grant to Oseney, by Robert Bernard,

of 4 acres in one field, and 4 in another,

and a half-acre in one field, and a half-acre in another.

* leaf 52.

[237.] KNOWE yee that Bee nowe and to Bee that I, Robert Bernarde of Hokenortoñ, yafe and Grauntid and with this
 20 present writyng confermed, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to God and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, iij. acris of Arable londe and j. dȝ. In the ffeldis of Hokenortoñ: þat is to Say, dȝ. and acre by-yonde
 24 Northfurlonge slade vppoñ Otehulle, and j. acre and a dȝ. In the crofte of the saide Robert and of John Charleton the which hit-selfe strecchith in-to þe Brynge¹, And j. dȝ.-acre the which strecchith hit-selfe In-to the lenght of the Dicke bitwene the
 28 Crofte of the Erle and the Crofte of the Saide Robert of the Sowthe partie, And j. dȝ.-Acre In Wadbrech the which strecchith hit-selfe In-to lambecotestrete, and dȝ. and acre In the Mershe, that is to say, In medefurlonge² by the mede³ of John Chorle-
 32 toñ; And ij. acris of mede, that is to Say, In mereweſſfurlonge dȝ. and acre, And in Slogfurlonge dȝ. and acre, And vppoñ lode-weſſ Hiſſe dȝ. and acre, And [at] thremeweſſ dȝ. and acre: to be holde and to be had, with all pertinences, to þe saide churche
 36 and chanon̄s, In-to ffree pure and perpetueſſ almys, weſſe and In

About 1230.

Grant to Oseney, by Robert Bernard,

of 3½ acres arable in strips,

and 2 acres meadow in strips,

¹ 'in ripam.'² 'Medfurlunge.'³ 'iuxta terram.'

peece, frely and quietly fro all Secule^r seruice and Demaunde for Euer. And I, Robert, & myne heyres, all the foresaide thynges, with the pertinences, to þe foresaide church and chanons schall warantize and Defende Agaynste all pepull for 4 Euer. In-to witnessis, &c^o.

About
1230.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Robert
Bernard,
of 2 acres.

[238.] KNOWE thoo þat be nowe and to Bee that I, Robert Bernarde of Hokenortoⁿ, yafe and Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd, to God and to Seynte marie of 8 Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for þe sowle of my ffadu^r and of my modu^r and of myne aunceturs, ij. acris of londe In the towne of Hokenortoⁿ, that is to saye, In the northfelde, j. acre þe which turneth towarde the waye of 12 Smalebroc; In felde towarde þe Est, dñ.-acre þe which turneth towarde fiffacram¹, and dñ.-acre þe which turneth vppoⁿ Karsweſſe lake: to be holde, In-to pure and perpetueſſ almys. Þese witnessis, &c^o.

16

About
1230.
Sale to
Oseney,
by Robert
Bernard,
* leaf 52,
back.
of a half-
acre and a
piece of
land,
a half-acre,
and a rood.

[239.] KNOWE þey that Bee nowe and to Bee that I, Robert Bernarde of Hokenortoⁿ yafe and Grauntid, and with my present charter confermyd, for me and for myne heyres for Euer, to God and to þe church of Oseney and to þe chanons 20 *þere seruyng God, In-to ffree and perpetueſſ almys, j. dñ.-acre of londe, that is to say, the ffirst dñ.-acre of my crofte In the Este partie, with A lituſſ parte of lond lying to, þe which is i-callid le Schelde; And anoper dñ.-acre Euyⁿ agaynste 24 ye courte of John chorletoⁿ, that is to say, þe ffyrst þe which 2 is i-schortid; and j. Rodde In Wadbrecche, that is to say, In myduſſifurlonge nexte of the forewe: to be holde and to be had to þe saide chanons for Euer, weſſ and In peece, ffrely 28 and quietly fro all Secule^r seruice exaccion and Demaunde. And I and myne heyres þe saide londe with [the pertinences] to þe saide chanons for Euer schall warantize [and] defende agaynste all pepull, and of all seruice secule^r & exaccion schall 32 aquite and defende. And for this yifte Graunte and warantyzyng þe saide chanons relesid to me all þe Dette that 3 I wowid of the arrerage of my rente, that is to say, xx. ſ.

Purchase-
money, £1.

¹ 'super Siffacram.'

² 'qu[a]e curtatur.'

³ 'quod eis debebam.'

of siluer. And that this yifte Graunte and warantizyng sure and stable for Euer to Abide, to this present writyng hee put to his seale: Pese witnessis, &c^o.

- 4 [240.] KNOWE þoo that þeen nowe and to Bee that I, Robert Bernarde of Hokenorton, for my helth and of myne, with þassent of ffelice my wiffe and of Geffrey my ffirste soone, yafe, Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd, to god
8 and to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanonþ þere seruyng god, all the ryȝht that I had or myȝht have In oone mese at Hokenorton that Adam Sparowe helde þe which is nexte to my dwellyng, of þe which þe same Adam yeldith to
12 me yerely ij. ʒ., þat is to say, at cristmasse xij. d. and at þe ffest of Seynte John Baptiste xij. d.: to be holde and to be had, to the saide chanonþ for Euer, of me and myne heyres, with homage and Seruice and the foresaide rente of the foresaide
16 Adam, sauynge þe tenure or holdyng of þe same and his heyres, well and In peece, hooly and quietly fro all seculer seruice demaunde and exaccion, Also with the foresaide homage, seruice, and rente aforesaide, of the saide heyres of Adam. And I ande
20 myne heyres all the foresaide þynges to þe foresaide chanonþ schall warantize agaynste all pepull. And for þis yevyng, Grauntynge, confermyng, and warantizyng, þe saide chanonþ yafe to me xx. ʒ. of sterlynges of charite of here howse. And
24 that this yevyng, &c^o.

About 1230.
Sale to Oseney, by Robert Bernard, of a quit-rent of 2s. out of a messuage, and his other interest in the messuage.

Purchase-money, £1.
[Ten years' purchase.]

- [241.] KNOWE þoo that þeen nowe and to Bee that I, Robert Bernarde of Hokenorton, for me and myne heyres, yafe Grauntid and with this pre*sent charter confermyd, for my
28 helth and of myne, for Euer to God and to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseneye and to þe chanonþ þere seruyng god, þe Rente of vj. d. In Hokenorton, þe which Stephyn Mody was i-wonyd yerely to yelde to me for [iiij.] acris of my londe In the Same
32 towne, that is to say, ij. acris In oone felde, and ij. in A-nother, and what-so-Euer thyng in the same rente I had or myȝht haue, withoute oony witholdyng-agayne to me and to myne heyres: to be hold and to be had, to þe saide chanonþ for Euer,
36 well and In peece, ffrely and quietly fro all seculer seruice exaccion and Demaunde. And I and myne heyres the saide

About 1230.
Sale to Oseney, * leaf 53. by Robert Bernard, of a quit-rent of 6d. out of 4 acres, and his other interest in these acres.

Purchase-
money, 5s.
[Ten years'
purchase.]

About
1230.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Robert
Bernard,
of a piece
of land.

rente of vj. d. to þe saide chanon̄s for Euer schaff warantize
agaynste all pepul̄, schaff defende and aquite. And for this
yevyng *Grauntyng* and warantizyng þe saide chanon̄s yafe
to me before-handes v. s. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

4

[242.] KNOWE þey that been now and to bee þat I Robert
Bernarde of Hokenortoñ yafe *Grauntid* and with this present
charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god
and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s 8
þere seruyng god, all that parte of the londe the which [is] of
my courte þe which lieth bitwene my chefe howse and the
howse of Adam Sparewe and hit conteyneth þe Space of xxxviij.
fote In brede and xxviij. fote In þe lenght: to be hold and to be 12
had, to þe saide chanon̄s, In-to ffre pure and perpetueſt almys,
weſt and In pece, ffrely and quietly, to be i-bildid and i-disposid
after þat þey seme best to þem to be goode. And I Robert and
myne heyres all the foresaide thynges to þe saide chanon̄s schaff 16
warantize and all seculer service exaccion and Demaunde schaff
Aquite and Defende agaynste all pepul̄ for Euer. And that
this yevyng, &c^o.

About
1232?
Sale to
Oseney,
by Jeffrey
son of
Robert
Bernard,
of his
messuage
and all his
lands, with
all his in-
terest in
them.

[243.] KNOWE þoo that ben nowe and to be that I, Geffrey 20
Bernarde, þe Soone of Robert Bernarde of Hokenortoñ, yafe and
Grauntid and with this present charter [confirmed] and quite-
claymed for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to the
church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s in hit seruyng 24
god, all my londe with the pertinences the which to me by heritage
descendit of the same Robert my ffadūr, with the mese that
whas of my ffadurs¹, & with all other pertinences to the same
londe perteynyng, And all the ryȝht þat I had or myȝht have 28
in all the foresaide thynges, withoute oony holdyng-agayne
to me or to myne heyres for Euer: to be holde and to be had,
to the saide church and to þe chanon̄s for Euer, weſt and In
peece, ffrely *and quietly fro all seculer service exaccion and 32
demaunde. And I and my heyres þe saide londe, with the
mese and with all pertinences and his ryȝhtes, to þe saide
church and chanon̄s schaff warantize for Euer agaynste all meñ
and women. And for this yevyng *Grauntyng* quite-claymyng 36

* leaf 53,
back.

¹ 'patris mei.'

and warantizyng, the saide chanon̄s yafe to me xxx. s., and ij. quarters of corne, þat is to say, dȝ. of whete and dȝ. of Rye. And that this veyyng, &c^o.

Purchase-money, £1 10s. with a quarter of wheat and one of rye.

- 4 [244.] KNOWE þoo that þen nowe and to Be that I, thomas Kotereff of Hokenorton, yafe and Grauntid and with this present charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng
- 8 God and for Euer to serue, In-to ffree pure and perpetueff almes, j. dȝ.-acre of Arable londe In the West ffelde of Hokenorton strecchyng in-to roleheme mere by the londe of philip Aylwarde, And A-nother dȝ.-acre of londe at Stapelf by the
- 12 londe of Symon Cotereff, And in the Est ffelde dȝ.-acre of londe strecchyng in-to fforew by the parke of Swereforde bytwene the londe of thomas Sparowe and Symonde Cotereff: to be holde and to be had, to the saide church and chanon̄s þere seruyng
- 16 god, well ande In peece, ffrely and quietly, In-to free pure and perpetueff almys for Euer. And I, thomas, and myne heyres, the sade dȝ.-acres, with the pertinences, to þe saide church and chanon̄s þer seruyng god, agaynste all men and women schaff
- 20 warantize aquite and Defende for Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

About 1280 ? Grant to Oseney, by Thomas Cotterell,

of a half-acre,

a half-acre,

and a half-acre.

- [245.] KNOWE þoo that þen nowe and to bee that I, Symonde Cotereff of Hokenorton, yafe and Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres
- 24 for Euer, to God and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng God and for Euer to serue, In-to ffree pure and perpetueff almys, j. dȝ.-acre of Arable londe In þe West ffelde of Hokenorton strecchyng In-to roleheme
- 28 Mere by the londe of thomas Cotereff [and¹ another half-acre of land in the East field, between the land of Robert le Lay and Thomas Coterel] strecchyng in þe fforewe by the Parke of Swereforde: to be holde and to Be had, to þe saide church and
- 32 chanon̄s þere seruyng God, well and in peece, ffrely and quietly, In-to free pure ande perpetueff almes for Euer. And I, Symonde, and myne heyres, the foresaide dȝ.-acre of londe, with the pertinences, to þe saide church and chanon̄s þere seruyng

About 1280 ? Grant to Oseney, by Simon Cotterell,

of two half-acres.

[Swereford Park.]

¹ Added from the Latin.

God, agaynste all meñ and women schall warantize Aquite and defende for Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

About
1280?
* leaf 54.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Robert
Chapman,
of a half-
acre.

[246.] KNOWE þoo that Beeñ nowē and to Bee that I, Robert chapmañ of Hok[enorton], y^a*afe and Grauntid¹; and 4 with this present charter haue confermyd, for me and my heyres for Euer, to God and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon^s þere seruyng God and for Euer to serue, (ij. rodes¹ of londe In the ffeelde of Hokenortoñ vppoñ 3 Stapulhuñfe by the londe of fflorence of mydylnton): to be holde and to be had, to the saide church and chanon^s þere seruyng god, well and In peece, ffrely and quietly, In-to ffree pure and perpetueñ almys for Euer. And I and myne heyres 12 þe saide londe to þe saide church and chanon^s agaynste all pepuñ schall warantize aquite ande defende for Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

About
1280?
Grant to
Oseney,
by Alice of
Whichford,
of 2 roods.

[247.] KNOWE þoo that beñ nowē and to Bee that I Ali3 of 16 Whichforde yafe ande Grauntid, with and this present charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to the chanon^s þere seruyng god and þere to Serue for Euer, ij. roddis of londe 20 In the ffeelde of Hokenortoñ vppoñ stapulhuñfe By the londe of fflorence of Midelynton: to Be holde and to be had to the saide church and chanon^s þere seruyng God, well and In peece, ffrely and quietly, In-to ffree pure and perpetueñ Almes for Euer. 24 And I Ali3 and myne heyres the forsaide roddis of londe to þe foresaide church and chanon^s þere seruyng god agaynste all meñ And women schall warantize Aquite and Defende. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

28

About
1280?
Grant to
Oseney,
by Henry
Dymock,
of 1 rood.

[248.] KNOWE þoo that Beeñ nowē and to bee that I, Henry Dymmoc of Hokenortoñ, yafe and Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd, to God and to þe Church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe chanon^s þere seruyng god, 32 j. rodde of Arabie londe agaynste Rowein Huñfe, Bitwene the

¹ By a singular mistake the translator at this point brings in the substance of no. 247. It runs in the Latin 'one half-acre

of land at the Hologore, next the land of John of Cherlton.'

londe [of John] de la burne and the londe of the lorde Abbot In the ffelde of Hokenorton: to be holde and to be had, to þe saide church and chanonþ *pere* seruyng god, weñ and In péece, ffrely
 4 And quietly, in-to ffree pure and perpetueñ almes for Euer. And I Henry Dymmoc and myne heyres þe saide rodde afore-i-namyd to þe foresaide church and Chanonþ of Oseney agaynste añ meñ and women schall warantize aquite and Defende for
 8 Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

[249.] KNOWE þoo that Been nowe and to bee that I, Adam Bercañ¹ *alias* scheperde, yafe, Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd, to God and to þe chanonþ of Seynte
 12 marie of Oseney and to ffirere William² Abbot and to þe chanonþ there seruyng god and for Euer to serue, iij. dñ.-acris of Arable londe In þe ffeldis of Hokenorton, with añ the *pertinences*, whereof j. dñ.-acre lieth at *Shokeresseweñ, and a-notheñ
 16 dñ.-Acre In Wadbrecñ In the Westefelde, And þe iij. dñ.-acre lieth vppon Otehuñ in the Estefelde: to be holde And to be had, to þe saide church Abbot and Couent and to þe successoures, of me and of myne heyres, In-to pure and per-
 20 petueñ almes. And I and my heyres and myne Assynes þe saide dñ.-acres añ iij. of londe, with the *pertinences*, to þe fore-saide church Abbot and chanonþ and to þe successours, agaynste All cristen meñ and Juys schall warantize Aquite
 24 and Defende, as owñ pure and perpetueñ Almes. And that this my yifte, &c^o.

About 1280.
 Grant to Oseney, by Adam the shep-herd, of 3 half-acres.
 * leaf 54, back.

[Warranty against Jews.]

[250.] KNOWE þoo that Been nowe and to bee that I, William Elicronke³ of Hokenorton, yafe, Grauntid, and with
 28 this my charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres and myne Assynes, to God and to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanonþ *pere* seruyng god, In-to pure and perpetueñ almes, xij. dñ. of yerely rente the which I was i-wonyd to take
 32 yerely of John fñzt William Millere for oone mese with A Curtilage and iij. Acres of Arable londe þe which he helde of me In Hokenorton for his homage and Seruise. I yafe also to þe Saide church and chanonþ homage and Seruise of þe saide John

About 1260.
 Grant to Oseney, by William Olicronke,

of a quit-rent of 12. out of a freehold messuage and lands, with all the feudal

¹ 'Adam de Hokenortona, bercarius.'

² William of Sutton, abbot 1268-84.

³ or 'Olicronc.'

rights im-
plied by it.

and of his heyres, and what-so-Euer thyng in the foresaide rente, mese, Curtilage, and Arable londe, with the pertinences, I had or myȝht haue, as In homage, Eschetes, Wardys, Relefs, Sutes, Helpis, and in all maner exaccions and Demaundes, 4 withoute any reteynng to me or to myne heyres or myne Assynes. [And I William and mine heirs] all the foresaide thynges, to be foresaide church and chanon^s, agaynste all cristenⁿ meⁿ And Jues schall warantize, aquite, and Defende, 8 as our pure and perpetuell almys. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

About
1260.
Sale to
Godstow,
by William
Olicrone,
of part of a
curtilage,

[251.] KNOWE þoo that Bee nowe and to Bee that I, William ffyt Roger Olicrone, relesid^r and quite-claymed, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to Sir Richard¹ Abbot of Oseney 12 and to be chanon^s pere Seruyng god^r and to pere successoures, halfe of my gardeyne or Curtilage, with the pertinences, In the Est parte In Hokenortoⁿ;

and of [a
half-yard-
land:—
viz.],
8 acres in
West field,
lying in
14 half-
acres, and
4 roods;

and viij. acres of Arable londe In the Weste ffelde, of the 16 which dȝ. acre lieth at ffayrewell²; and dȝ. acre vppoⁿ Stapul- hulle; and dȝ. acre at Botoddich; j. rodde vppoⁿ fflexhulle; dȝ. acre in Mershe strecchith hit-selfe in-to the mede; dȝ. acre in Midduffurlonge, in mershe; j. rodde, In longefurlonge; 20 dȝ. acre, vndur Hokernesse; dȝ. acre, at Shokeiwele more; dȝ. acre, In longe Swynesdich; dȝ. acre strecchith hit-selfe (in³) post, *id est*, after longe smale broke; dȝ. acre, aboue Martyns Milfe; dȝ. acre By-yonde Milburges slade; dȝ. acre strecchit hit- 24 Selfe post, *id est*, after longe Wodefordesweye; dȝ. acre in Stowre in the weste parte of langedene; dȝ. acre in Alueshammes furlonge strecchith hit-Selfe in Smalestrete, [1 rodde⁴ in Smale strete] in Wadbrech, and j. rodde In Kyngessetrowstrete; 28

and 7½ acres
1 rod in
East field,
* leaf 55.
lying in
14 half-
acres and
3 roods,

and vij. acres and dȝ. and j. rodde In the Est ffelde, of þe which dȝ. an acre lieth vppoⁿ the downe In the hye-weye of Icheforde, dȝ. acre at thremewell, *dȝ. acre In the crofte more weste, j. acre⁵ and j. Rodde In the Same crofte, dȝ. acre In 32 Wolstaⁿ crofte, j. rode vppoⁿ the downe, j. dȝ. acre at⁶ the

¹ Probably Richard of Apletre, abbot
1254-68.

² 'Seyrewell.'

³ Omit 'in.' For some reason the trans-
lator retains the Latin word 'post.'

⁴ Added from the Cotton MS.

⁵ '1 acre' also in the Latin, but should
perhaps be 'j dȝ-acre,' since the items are
half-an-acre in excess of the total.

⁶ 'ad pontem de Astwelle.'

welle of Aftwelle, dñ. acre at fifborogh¹, dñ. acre at Weste rugge weye, dñ. acre at Otehulle dicke, dñ. acre at Katesbreyne, dñ. acre at ffayrewelle, dñ. acre at Rugge weye by the ffrowe of William Sweyne, dñ. acre at² Monekenlake, dñ. acre at³ Ruydoñ, and j. rode At Astwellebrugge;

and j. acre of mede Euery yere In the commune mede of the same towne;

and an acre in the common meadow.

8 with all his pertinenes, in the towne And withoute the towne; withoute oony reteynynge to me or to myne heyres, So (that is to say) that nother I noper myne heyres in the foresaide halfe curtilage, londe, and mede, with the pertinenes, 12 clayme or oony other ryght here-after may clayme, noper to haue. And for this relese and my quite-clayme þe foresaide Abbot and Couent yafe to me iiij. marke of Siluer, and relesid to me and to myne heyres ij. s. vj. d. of rente þe which for the 16 saide londe to þe foresaide Abbot and Couent yerely I was i-woned to paye. And that this my relese and quite-clayme, &c^o.

Purchase-money, £2 13s. 4d., and extinction of the quit-rent by which it was held from Oseney.

[252.] KNOWE þey that been nowe and to Bee that I, John of tywe, yafe and Grauntyd, and with my present charter 20 confermyd, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng God, j. dñ.-acre of Arable londe In the ffelde of Hokenortoñ, þe which [half] acre strecchith In-to Rowenhuffes 24 dicke; and j. rodde, In-to stapulhulle of the Sowthe partie, by the londe of Florence of Midulton; And j. rodde of mede, In-to mefeweille ffurlong [and⁴ one rodde of mede, into Swchewirthbede: to be holde and to be had] to þe Saide church and 28 chanons þere seruyng god, welle and In peece, ffrely and quietly, in-to ffree pure and perpetueñ almys for Euer. And I John and myne heyres þe foresaide londe to þe foresaide church and chanons þere seruyng god agaynste all meñ and women schall 32 warantize And aquite ande Defende for Euer. In-to witnessse, &c^o.

About 1260? Grant to Oseney, by John of Tew, of a half-acre and a rood arable,

and a rood of meadow.

[253.] KNOWE þoo that Been nowe and to Bee that I, John of Tywe, yafe And Grauntid, and with this charter confermyd,

About 1260? Grant to

¹ Or 'Fisborogh.'

² 'contra.'

³ 'sub.'

⁴ Added from the Latin.

Oseney,
by John
of Tew,
of 3 roods
arable.

for me and myne heyres ffor Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god & for Euer to serue, iij. roddis of Arable londe In the ffelde of Hokenorton At Wlsiweſſe By the roddys of Richard Reve¹: 4 to be holde and to be hað to þe saide church and chanon̄s þere seruyng god, weſt and In peece, ffrely and quietly, In-to ffree pure ande perpetueſt almys for Euer. And I John and myne heyres þe foresaide iij. rodys off londe to þe saide church and 8 chanon̄s þere seruyng God agaynste all meñ and women schall warantize aquite and Defende for Euer as pure and perpetueſt almys. In-to witnesse, &c².

About
1230.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Thomas,
son of
Roger,
* leaf 55,
back.
of a half-
yardland
(but with-
out its
messuage),

[254.] KNOW þoo that Be nowe and to bee pat I, thomas 12
ffirst Roger of Hokenorton, ffor the helth of my Sowle and of my
aunceturs, quite-claymed relesid and Deliuereð; and with this
present charter confermyð, ffor me and myne heyres, to God
and to the * church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanons 16
þere seruyng god, In-to ffree And perpetueſt almes, dñ. yerde of
londe, with all his pertinences, oute-take a mese, In Hokenorton,
pat is to say, dñ. yerde of londe þe which lieth by the londe of
Swetyng, þe which londe afore I helde of them: to be hað and 20
to be holde for Euer, weſt and In peece, ffrely and quietly, holy
and worshipfully, In weyes and In pathis, playnys, ffedynges,
ande pastures, and In all oþer thynges and places, to þe same
londe perteynyng, And what-so-Euer thyng in the Same londe 24
I had or myȝht haue, withoute oony reteynyng to me or
to myne heyres, quietly fro all seculer seruiçe exaccion and
Demaunde. And the saide chanon̄s me and myne heyres quite-
claymed of þe seruiçe pat I was i-wonyð to doo to þeñ for þe 28
same londe, that is to Say, of j. li. of pepur. In-to witnesse, &c².

which
he had
held from
Oseney by
quit-rent of
1 lb. pepper.

About
1240.
Grant to
Oseney,
by James
le blund
of Fawler,
of a messu-
age and
lands,

[255.] KNOWE þoo that been nowe And to Bee pat [I],
Jamys lee blunde ffirst William lee blunde of ffauflore², yafe,
Grauntid, toke, and, with this my charter confermyð, for me 32
and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte
marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, all my
londe³ þe which I helde in the towne of Hokenorton, with

¹ 'Ricardi prepositi.'

² i. e. Fawler.

³ From the Cotton MS. Rev. H. Salter

points out that the amount was 2 yard-lands, and 12 acres.

a mese, and with all his pertinences and freedoms to þe same
 londe longyng, and all þat I in them had or myȝht haue: to be
 holde and to be had, to þe saide chanon, of me and myne
 4 heyres for Euer, in-to free and perpetuell almys, quietly
 and worschipfully and firely, payyng þerof yerely to me and
 to myne heyres ij. marke of siluer at iiij. termys of the yere
 (þat is to say, at cristmasse, dȝ. a marke; at Estur, dȝ.-marke;
 8 At mydsomer, dȝ.-marke; and at myȝghelmasse, dȝ.-marke) for
 all seruice sauynge the Kynges seruice, þat is to say, allonly
 xij. d. when scuage renneth. And I Jamys and myne heyres þe
 saide londe with þe mese agaynste all pepull and of seculer
 12 seruice and of All Sutes exaccions and Demaundys schall aquite
 and Defende by the foresaide Seruice. And if peraventure the
 saide londe with þe pertinences to þe saide chanon we may not
 warantize whee schall make to þem and Eschaunge to þe value
 16 by the wiwe of lawfull men of owr oper londes where þay may
 seme beste to spede to theme. And [if] ffor defawte of waran-
 tizyng aquityng and Defendyng of me or of myne heyres þe saide
 chanon harmys or expensis renne ynne, wee schall satisfie
 20 þem, withoute dyfferryng and Difficulte, By the vywe of lawfull
 men. And that þis my yeuyng, &c.

to be held
by quit-
rent of
£1 6s. 8d.,

and to be
subject to
is. for
scutage.

[Strong
warranty
clauses.]

[256.] To all cristen men to þe which þis present wrytyng
 schall come Jamys le Blunde of ffauflore helth. To þe know-
 24 lege of all yowe I wille hit come me, for me and for myne heyres,
 at Candelmasse the yere of oure lorde M^cCClv., [to¹ have
 quit-claimed the canons of Oseney for ever of two marks of
 silver] In the which þey were i-holde to me yerely by cause
 28 of ij. roddis² of londe with a mese þe which þay haue i-holde of
 me In Hokenortoñ, (þat³ is for to saye, quite to haue i-clamyd to
 þe chanon of Oseneye ffor Euer of ij. marke yerely); wherefore
 I wille yff that oony wrytyng obligatorie, of þoo ij. marke
 32 makyng mencion, in oony tyme maye bee ffounde, þat hit
 be broȝht forth and hit * to be i-had for nowȝht. In-to
 witnesse, &c.

125¹,
Feb. 2.
Surrender
to Oseney,
by James
le Blund,

of the
quit-rent
reserved
in no. 255.

* leaf 56.

[257.] KNOWE þoo that bee nowe and to Bee that I, Henry
 36 Doylly, the lorde Kynges constable, yafe and Grauntid, and

About
1200.
Grant to

¹ Added from the Latin.

² Read 'yardlands': 'racione duarum
virgatarum'; see no. 255.

³ Brought in by the translator when he
found he had made the omission above
noted.

Oseney,
by Henry
Doyle II,
of leave to
shut up
a way.

with this present writyng confermyd, to the worschip of God and of Seynte marie, to pabbot of Oseney and couent or chanon̄s of the same place, In Hokenorton licence to close a wey that was bitwene my courte and pe courte of pe foresaide chanon̄s for 4 the Emendyng of eyper courte; And pe foresaide weye, ffor pe Sowles of my aunceturs, In-to pure and perpetuefl almes, to pe Encresyng of pere courte to pe foresaide chanon̄s yafe ande Grauntid. In-to witnesse¹, &c^o. 8

About
1270.

Grant by
Oseney,
to Henry
Dymock
and heirs,
of a messu-
age and
curtilage:
probably in
exchange
for no. 259.

[258.] To all cristen̄ men to home this present writyng schaff come, frere Willyam² By Goddis mercy Abbot of Oseney and of the same place couent helth. Knowe ye vs to haue i-yeve and grauntid, and with this present writyng to haue 12 i-confermyd, to Henry Dymmoc, and to his heyres, a mese, with A curtilage, that Willyam Kewy helde of vs In Hokenorton, that is bitwene pe dwellyng of pe same Henry and pe Dwellyng of Raph clerke: to be holde and to be had, to pe foresaide 16 Henry and to his heyres, of vs and our successoures, ffrely and quietly fro all seculer seruice and Demaunde. And we and our successoures pe saide mese with pe curtilage to pe foresaide Henry and to his heyres agaynste all cristen̄ men and Juys 20 schaff warantize aquite and defende for Euer, And pat pis our yevyng, &c^o.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

About
1270.

Grant to
Oseney,
by Henry
Dymock,
of a messu-
age and
curtilage,
probably in
exchange
for no. 258.

[259.] KNOWE poo pat been nowe and to Bee that I, Henry Dymmoc, yafe, grauntid, and with this my present charter con- 24 fermyd, to God and to pe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to William Abbot and to pe chanon̄s seruyng god pere, A mese, with A curtilage, and oper pertinences, pe which I helde and had of pe yifte of Roger ffijt Alyne In Hokenorton, pat 28 is to say, they been Euynd agaynste pe Shepehouse of the same chanon̄s Bitwene the Kynges hye weye and the mese pe which William Kewy helde of William of colunce: to be holde and to be had, to pe foresaide church ande chanon̄s, of me and of myne 32 heyres [or] of myne assynes, In-to pure and perpetuefl almys. And I, Henry, and myne heyres or myne assynes, pe saide mese, with pe Curtilage, and oper pertinences, to pe foresaide

¹ William of Hereville is one.

² William Sutton, abbot 1268-84.

church Abbot and Couent, agaynste all cristen men and Juys [Warranty
schaff warantize, aquite, and Defende, as pure and perpetuell against
almys. In-to witesse, &c^o.] Jews.]

- 4 [260.] KNOW all men that I, Hugh of plesettis, Knyght, About
Sawe þe charter þat Henry dymmoc made to God And to þe 1270.
church of Seynte marie of Oseneye And to þe chaⁿon^s þere Confirma-
seruyng God, In-to þese wordys 'Sciant praesentes & futuri,' &c^o. * leaf 56,
8 vt supra. And I, Hugh, þe foresaide yevyng hauyng rate and back.
Goodely¹, hit with my seale printyng to þe foresaide chanons, tion to
In-to pure and perpetuell almys, for me and myne heyres or Oseney,
myne assynes, graunte and conferme. These witnessis, &c^o. by Hugh
of Plessets,
as feudal
superior,
of no. 259.

[NOTE.—Henry Doyly II, died 1232, was the last male of the family. His sister and heir, Margery, had issue Thomas, earl of Warwick (no. 228), and Margaret, who became heir to her brother. This Margaret became second wife (1247) of Henry III's favourite, John of Plessets, who obtained in 1253 a grant of the barony of Hooknorton, which had been resumed by the crown. In this he was succeeded in 1263 by Hugh, his son by his first wife, who died 1291. For this Hugh's son Hugh, see no. 93.]

[261.] A recorde of þe banke² of þe Juys of london 1285, May.
ffor the londe of William lee Blunde of Hoke-
norton whoos rollyng Inne schaff be ffounde In the
ffeste of the holy trinite In the yere of þe reyne of
Kyng Edward xii.

- 12 JOYE³ the which was þe wiffe [of] diey de Burforde, by his⁴ Claim
attorney, made to come thabbot of Oseney, holdyng a parte against
of londys þe which were of William lee Blunde, & axith of hym a Jewess of
ij. marke of cataffe and⁵ wynnynge⁶ perof i-come afore þe London for
16 statute of the Kyng, the which⁶ hee oweth to hym⁷ by þe £1 6s. 8d.,
occasion of the foresaide londes þe which hee holdeth þe which and inter-
were of þe foresaide William (and⁸ diey) by a charter of estute of
1275, being

¹ 'ratam et gratam habens.'

² 'banke' is 'bench,' i.e. the record is of the court of law, in a suit raised by Jews. The indebtedness of the Blund family is shown in a deed quoted by Rev. H. Salter from the Cotton MS., in which James le Blund, making surrender as in no. 256, acknowledges payment of £17 6s. 8d. 'ad urgentissimam necessitatem,' a

phrase which in Godstow book generally implies debt in the Jewry.

³ 'Joya.'

⁴ Read 'her.'

⁵ 'et lucrum inde emersum.'

⁶ scil. 'marcas.'

⁷ to her.

⁸ Omit 'and diey,' brought in out of place.

half of a mortgage over lands of William le Blund now held by Oseney. Oseney maintained that at the time of making of the mortgage the lands belonged to Oseney, and that William le Blund had no power to mortgage them. Inquiry was ordered by the sheriff, but did not take place. Inquiry was again ordered by Robert of Lodeham, to whom the jury returned that Oseney had been feoffed of the lands in question for more than 40 years, and therefore before the mortgage (whose date was 1275, Aug. 27).

iiij. markes vnder þe names of þe foresaide William and diey whereof¹ þe oper partie in the which of the charter of london as he saith.

The foresaide Abbot By his attorney comyth and Saith that⁴ hit is not his dede and axith day to þengyng² afore, and hath in-to þe viij. daye off seynte miȝgheff, ȝ. To³ the which daye, þe fforesaide Abbot by his attorneye cometh and Saieth that he is not i-holde of þe saide dette to answeere, in-asmoche as hee⁸ whas i-ffeid^d of the londys and tenementes the which he holdeth þe which [were] of þe foresaide William or⁴ þe fforesaide William to⁵ the foresaide Jue by his charter in the saide dette bounde hym-selfe: and of that he puttith hym-selfe vppoñ the¹² cuntre. And the fforesaide⁶ Juee by heȝ attorney also. And hit was i-commaundid^d to the schreve pat he schulde make come coram, ȝ. In the morowe of Seynte martyne xij. ȝ. ȝ. By the which, ȝ. qui nullam, ȝ. at þe returne quibus daye and yere to þe¹⁶ which daye þe Inquisicion come not, noþer the schreve returned^d not⁸. And hit was i-commaundid^d⁹, as in the oper tyme, ffro þe daye of Seynt Hillarie In-to xv. daies; as¹⁰ þe fforesaide Abbot and Jues¹¹, by there attorneys, haue þe same daye, but¹²²⁰ Robert lodeham interim, ȝ. withinne¹³ þe which daye, afore the same Robert of lodeham, whas i-take þe Inquisicion of þe londys and tenementes aforesaide, by þe othe of Reynalde Waltham, Nicoll off Gardyn, and oper, as it is i-scheded amonge þe²⁴ Inquisicions of the terme off Seynte Hillarie returnyd, þe which sayeñ that þe foresaide Abbot whas i-ffeid^d of þe londys and tenementes aforesaide xl. yere and more; And ffor-asmuch as it is opyñ by the Date of þe charter of iiij. markes In the which²⁸ þe foresaide William to þe saide Jue whas i-holde, of þe which charter actum is 'the twesdaye nexte after þe ffest of Seynte Bartholomew in the yere of the regni regis Edwarde iij.º', That þe fforesaide Abbot whas i-ffeid^d of the londys and tenementes³² abovesaide or⁴ þe saide William lee blunde In the saide dette

¹ Read 'whereof the other part is in the record-office of deeds at London, as it is alleged: 'unde altera pars est in arch[ivis] cir[c]ographorum] Lond[inii], ut dicitur.'

² i. e. 'thinking,' 'diem premeditandi.'

³ 'ad quem diem.'

⁴ 'Or' = before: 'antequam.'

⁵ 'dicto Iudeo.'

⁶ 'predicta Iudea.'

⁷ [probos homines] etc.

⁸ Read 'the writ': 'breve.'

⁹ i. e. to the sheriff, i. e. to hold inquiry.

¹⁰ For 'as,' read 'and.'

¹¹ Jewess: 'Iudea.'

¹² unless: 'nisi.'

¹³ 'Infra': i. e. before.

to the *saide Juye bounde hym-selfe, hit is i-consederyd̄ that þe
foresaide N.¹ of the saide dette is quite And that þe foresaide
Juys² by cause of þe foresaide londys of þe foresaide Abbot
4 noþyng takith, And the same Jues ffor þe false clayme In
mercy.

* leaf 57.
The Jewess
was there-
fore non-
suted and
fined.

[262.] Assise i-take at Henele³ afore John Inge and
afore John Treuaignon, Justices of ouř lorde Kynge,
at þe assisis in the Shire of Oxonford to be take
assyned þe moneday In the ffest of Seynte Margarete
Virgyñ In the yere of regni regis Edwarde the iiij^{de}
fro the conqueste þe sexte.

1332,
July 20.

ASSISE come to knowlege if John of Chelleworth, vicař of
þe church of Hokenorton; John, lee vicarsmañ of Hokenorton;
8 William peytour of Hokenorton; Adam bouer⁴ of Shipton,
chapeleyne; and molde, þe which was þe wiffe of John Atte
bourne of Hokenorton, vnryzghtfully, ð. dissesynet Henry atte
bourne of Hokenorton of his ffree tenement In Hokenorton
12 postquam, &c⁵. And where-of hit is i-playned that þey
disseuyd⁵ hym of j. mese, j. yerde of londe, And of iiij. Acres of
mede, with the pertinences, &c⁵.

Suit by
Henry atte
Bourne,
against five
residents
in Hook-
norton,
to obtain
possession
of a messu-
age, a yard-
land, and
4 acres of
meadow.

And John of Chelleworth and other come not: And þe ffore-
16 saide John of Chelleworth whas i-tachid By John atehulle and
Adam at Gate; And þe foresaide John, vicaresmañ, whas
i-tachid By adam atte Gate and John attehull; And þe foresaide
William whas attachid By John atehulle and adam at Gate;
20 And þe fforesaide adam whas attachid By adam atte Gate And
John Atehulle; And þe fforesaide mawde whas attachid By
John attehull and adam at Gate. Þerscre þey been in merciment
& þassise is i-take agaynste þem by defawte.

Defendants,
summoned
to answer,

24 Jurriors sayen vppon þere othe þat þe foresaide John vicars-
mañ of Hokenorton, William, and mawde, vnryzghtfully, &c⁵
disseynynd þe foresaide Henry of þe foresaide tenement with þe
pertinences, and þat opers In the Brefe i-namyd where not atte
28 þe foresayde dissesynnyng to be doo. Therefore hit is i-consideryd

did not
appear.
The jury
found a ver-
dict against
three of the
defenders,
and Henry
atte Bourne
obtained the
property

¹ Possibly 'nomen,' a legal formula.
Roger de Coventre was abbot 1284-96. In
the Latin it is 'abbas.'

² 'Iudea.'

³ Henley.

⁴ 'le Bouere.'

⁵ sic, for 'disseisined.'

and 6s. 8d. damages, but was mulcted for his false claim against two of the defenders.

that þe foresaide Henry schulde reteyne¹ þerof his sesynng By the Sighȝt of þe recognitourse², and hys harmys (þe which been taxid by the same at dñ. marke). And þe foresaide John vicaresmañ of Hokenortoñ, William, and moolde, In mercement⁴ by³ dissesynng, ð. And also the foresaide Henry In mercement ffor þe ffalse clayme ayenst þeñ In the Brefe, ð.

[XXXV. WIGGINTON.]

1283,
May 4.
Suit by
Oseney,

[263.] Actes In the prebendañ church of Buckeden, þe twysday nexte after þe ffirst of þe Inuencion of the holy crosse, 8 In the yere of ouñ lorde M^o CC lxxxiiij., afore vs olyuere⁴ By the mercy of God Bisshop of lincoln, by ordinarie auctorite knowyng, in plee þe which was bitwene religiouse meñ Abbot and Couent of Oseneye (the church of Seynte George with-yñ the castell of 12 oxonforde In-to þere owne vses opteynyng), actorres, by frere Robert i-callid Maynarde, þere chanoñ, procuratour of the same actors i-ordeyned, comperyng, of þe oone partie, and Master Richard Malyngtoñ, person of *þe church of Wigyntoñ, guilty, 16 personally comperyng, of þe oper partie. I-purposid⁵ (that is to Say) In Juggement agaynste þe saide person By the foresaide procuratour þat when þe saide siris, for cause (of þeñ-selfe⁶) of þe saide church of Seynte George, had be In possession, 20 or⁷ as, by⁸ ryghȝt, of takyng v. ð. euery yere, In the ffirst of Seynte Cuthbert, of þe personys of þe saide church of Wigyntoñ, þe which þere for þe tyme had be, at Oseney to Be payed, In the name of ij. parties of tithe for all thyng that 24 is i-wonyd⁹ to be i-tithid of the Demayne of Wygyntoñ comyng forth, to þe saide church of Seynte George, and longyng⁹ lawfully to þe saide religiouse meñ, and þe Same v. ð. summot-longe¹⁰ þey haue i-take hit and lawfully haue i-had hit In 28

to compel
the rector
of Wiggin-
ton

* leaf 57,
back.

to pay 5s.
yearly on
March 20,

as tithe-
rent-charge
due to
St. George's
church,

¹ 'recuperet.'

² 'Recognitors' was a name for 'the Jury empanelled upon an assise.' (Dr. John Cowell).

³ Read 'for the.'

⁴ Oliver Sutton, bishop 1280-99. This deed is one in which the translator appears at his worst.

⁵ 'Proposito, videlicet.'

⁶ A misrendering; 'sui' has been taken

from its proper noun 'sir'is' and put into the next clause. Read 'the said his lords, by reason of the said church of St. George.'

⁷ 'vel quasi': i. e. if not in actual, then in practical possession.

⁸ 'iure' goes with 'percipiendi,' 'of taking by right.'

⁹ 'canonice spectantium': should come in, at end of the clause, after 'men.'

¹⁰ 'aliquamdiu.'

possession, or¹ as: nowe þe saide person þe foresaide v. ð. yerely withdrawyng, [and] theme (agayne²) for to pay yune agayne-sayng; and þe Same tithis occupying [and] the myndyd³ 4 religiouse men þat þey myȝht not ij. parties of þe tithes⁴ aforenotyd lawfully take in lettyng and trowyng⁴, thoo his lordys of þe v. ð. yerely in⁵ the (Such⁶ maner of spoylyng) fornamyd possession, or¹ as, he⁷ agaynste ryȝht hath i-spoilyd, 8 or¹ as, operellys⁸ such maner of spoylynges to be [do] hee commaundyd, or hit i-doo in his name had it rate, in-to his same lordys preiudice grete⁹ and grefe. Wherefore þe saide procuratour axid ffor his fforesaide lordis and hym-selfe to 12 be restoryd and to be browȝht to þe state and possession to take¹⁰, In the Saide terme, þe foresaide v. ð. yerely to Oseney, as hit is dew, of þe foresaide persons of þe saide church of Wygynton In to be¹¹, and þe same person of þe church of 16 Wygynton aforesaide to þe foresaide v. ð. yerely, at Oseney (as hit is i-put afore), here-after to be i-payd; sentencially by vs to be condempnyd; and i-condempnyd to be i-compellyd to the paying, and ryȝht¹² to hys lordys and to hym In aft 20 thynges and axinges [to¹³ be done]. [The¹⁴ aforesaid parson having heard and fully understood the statement and demand] aforesaide, afore vs Judicially he knowlegyd playne¹⁵ poo¹⁶ thynges i-tolde, as þey were i-tolde, to be true, And perfore 24 þe axinges¹⁷, as þey were i-axid; to ofte to bee doo. Wherefore we, þe same persones confession and oper techynges lawfull¹⁸ folowyng, the foresaide religiouse men, and þere procuratur aforesaide In there name, sentencially restore and reduce to þe 28 state and possession to take þe Saide v. ð. of þe personys of þe saide church of Wygynton, at oseney, In the ffest of Seynte Cutbert yerely hereafter, to be i-payde, And the myndyd person

long paid
but now
withheld.

Verdict in
favour of
Oseney.

¹ 'vel quasi.'

² Omit 'agayne,' 'eosque solvere contradicendo.'

³ 'Wygynton' in margin.

⁴ Read 'trow[bl]ing': 'et perturbando.'

⁵ Read 'of'; Latin: '... solidorum ... de possessione ... spoliavit.' The English is mirk-dark through following the Latin order.

⁶ Omit the bracketed words, brought in in error.

⁷ i. e. the parson.

⁸ Latin 'seu.'

⁹ 'non modicum.'

¹⁰ 'possessionem percipendi.'

¹¹ 'in futurum.'

¹² 'iustitiam.'

¹³ 'exhiberi.' The whole sentence depends on 'axid' above.

¹⁴ Added from the Latin.

¹⁵ openly: 'de plano.'

¹⁶ 'narrata.'

¹⁷ 'petita.'

¹⁸ 'alia documenta legitima.'

of the foresaide church of Wygynton þe which for þe tyme [shall be] to pay In the tyme to come the fforesaide v. ð. yerely at Oseneye, as hit Is i-put afore, by Sentence of commaundyng we condempne, of þis ouȝt sentence [the execution], to ouȝt 4 officere and to our Archedecun of oxonforde or to his officiall or to euerich of them, al so ofte as cavse axith, committynge. þe Date and Acte, þe daye, yere, and place, aforenotyd.

127½,
March 16.
* leaf 58.
Suit by
Oseney,

[264.] Actes in Seynte Petur church In the Est of Oxon- 8 forde, þe Saturdaye *nexte affore þe ffeſte of Seynte Cutberthe Bysshop, In the yere of ouȝt lord Mo[CC]lxxj., afore Master Richard Mephram, Archedecun of oxonforde, by Jurisdiccio[n] ordinarie knowyng, In plee þe which was bitwixst religiouse 12 me[n] Abbot and Couent of Oseney, actors, by master Geffray Brom, clerke, þere procuratour lawfully i-sett, comperyng, of þe oone partie; and Siȝ Symonde ffirst Symonde, person of the church of Wygynton, gilty, by John of Sutton his 16 procuratour, sufficient hauyng commaundement, also comperyng, of the oþer; that is to say, when that hit was i-knowe to vs 1 þe saide siȝ Symonde at þe same daye and place lawfully and peremptorye to haue be callyd, parties 2 bothe procuratours and 20 also the cople of the certificatorie of ouȝt decre þey opteynyd: and, of the parte of the saide religiouse me[n] whas i-purposid A libelle vndur this forme:

to pay 5s.
tithe-rent-
charge on
March 20,
due to
St. George's
church,
now with-
held,

'Afore yow, lorde Juge, sey[n]d and purposy[n]d pabbot and 24 couent of Oseney agaynste Symonde ffirst Symonde, person of the church of Wygynton 3, þat, sith fro the tyme of þe which is no mynde þey were in possession, or 4 as, in 5 þe name of takyng of ij. parties of the tithis of þe Demayne of Wiginton 28 v. ð. euery yere, in the ffeſt of Seynte cutberth, at Oseney, of the personys of þe saide church of Wiginton the 6 had bee for þe tyme, And þe same v. ð. yerely lawfully had possessid, or 4 as: Nowe þe saide person syȝ Symonde v. ð. yerely abovesaide with- 32 drawyng, of 7 þe same v. ð. yerely in possession afore-namyd, or 4

1 i. e. that . . . Simon . . . had been summoned.

2 'partes tam procuratorii quam certificatorii copiam ex decreto nostro obtinuerunt.'

3 Name noted in the margin.

4 'vel quasi.'

5 Mis-rendered: read 'of takings (in the

name of two parts . . .) v. s.'

6 Read 'the [which].' Otherwise, article for relative: 'qui ibidem pro tempore fuerant.'

7 i. e. has spoiled of the possession of the v. s.

as, hath i-spoilyd; and þe same to þe[m] to pay agayne-saithe¹, vnry3ghtfully: Wherefore þey axe hem-selfe to be i-brow3ght ayene and to be restoryd to the state and possession to take þe
 4 saide v. 3. yerely, and þe same sir Symonde, person of the church of Wigynto[n] aforesaide, and þe personys of þe church the which been for the tyme, to þe v. 3. yerely, at Oseney, yerely In the ffest of Seynte Cutbert, hereafter to be payde
 8 to þe[m], to be condempned. Þey axe þe arrerages and expenses with arrears and damages. i-made yn þe stryffe, makyng² a protestacion in them too be doo.'

And in³ the same libelle and the procutour⁴ of þe same
 12 symonde obteynyð; And sumwhat a while⁵ a deliberacion (hereafter⁶) i-had; þe same procutour of the entent of þe saide religiousse me[n] knowlegyd in this maner: 'I, John of Sutton, procutour of Symonde ffirst symonde, person of þe church of
 16 Wygynto[n], in the name of my lorde, of certeyne knowyng, knowleg[h] þoo thynges i-toolde In the libelle of þabbot and couent of Oseney aforenamyd, as þey been i-tolde, to be true, and þerfore þe þynges i-axid; as þey been i-axid, to ofte to
 20 be doo.'

Wherefore we, Richard of Mepham, Archedecun of oxonforde, þe⁷ merites of þe plee i-herde and i-vndurstande, vppo[n] v. 3. yerely in the libell afore-notid i-comprehendyd; i-mouyd bituene
 24 thabbot and couent of Oseney, actorrs, of þe oone partie, and þe saide Sir Symonde, guilty, of þe oper, and of his procuratour confession and oper þynges þe saide plee towchyng with diligence rehersed, þat pentent of þe saide Abbot and Couent of Oseney
 28 lawfully i-fundyd or groundyd we haue i-founde and preuyd; Verdict in favour of Oseney, þe same Abbot and couent, & the saide þeyre procuratour in there name, by this owr sentence diffinitife, re*duce and restore * leaf 58, back. to þe state and possession to take þe saide v. 3. yerely; and
 32 þe [said] symonde, person of þe church of Wigynto[n] aforesaide, and personys þe which þere for þe tyme shall be, to þe foresaide

¹ 'contradicit.'

² i. e. reserving power to claim additional expenses, if incurred: 'de faciendis protestando.'

³ Mis-rendered: read 'And in the same way, the case, and the letter of procuratorship, of Simon, being produced.'

⁴ 'procuratorio' (abl. absol.).

⁵ 'aliquamdiu.'

⁶ Omit.

⁷ The English needs to be re-arranged to bring together the participles and their nouns: heard and understood the merits—of the plea moved—upon 5 shillings contained—in the forenoted libel.

who with-
drew claim
for arrears
and
damages.

Verdict
accepted by
defendant.

v. ð. yerely, at Oseneye, yerely in the feste of saynte Cutberth
bisshop, hereafter to be paide to þe same religiouse meñ,
we condempne, þat same sir Symonde, and þe saide John his
procuratour, fro¹ the impeticion of foresaide religiouse meñ⁴
procuratorye vppoñ þe arrerages and expenses assoylyng. Þe
which oure sentence þe saide John, of² þe saide procuratour
sir Symonde, in the name of his lorde, v. ð., of³ þe plee aboue
expressid, in oure presence, nyȝthe⁴ of þe religiouse meñ⁸
procuratour aforesaide, in þere name to be payde, acceptid
hit⁵.

127¹,
March 19.

Letter of
the rector
of Wigginton,
appointing
a procurator
to
represent
him in the
suit,
as in
no. 264.

[265.] To the worschippfull mañ and dyscrete Syre, Arche-
decun of Oxonforde, hys deuote clerke, Symonde ffyzt Symonde, 12
person of þe church of Wyginton, helth in oure lorde. Þe vice
of collusion i-repreued⁶, napeles of þe Arrerages⁷ fyrst not to be
axyd (yf þere bee oony) fulle surete Is i-maade⁸, In the plee þat
ys bytwene þe lordys Abbot and Couent of Oseney, of þe oone 16
partie, and me, of þe otheṛ, vppoñ a yerely rent of v. ð. in the
name of ij. parties of tithys comyng forth of þe demayne of
Wyginton, my beloued John of Sutton, þe brynger of þys
presentes, to knowlege expressely me to haue i-yeve, to þe 20
Abbot and couent, v. ð. yerely, in the name of þe tithis comyng
forth of ij. partyes of þe Demayne of Wyginton, my procuratour
[I] ordayne, rate⁹ to haue what-soo-Euer thyng by hym In the
sayde plee, after¹⁰ þat that hath be sayde afore vs, hit¹¹ was 24
i-actyd; for him Also I¹² promitte i-Juggyd to be i-payde,
þe same to þe parte Agaynste¹³ signifyng. I-yeve at Tew,
þe pursday after þe ffest of Seynte gregory pope, In the yere of
oure lorde a[*nno*] M̃ CC lxx.

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¹ 'ab impetitione predictorum religiosorum procuratoris.'

² Read 'procuratour of þe saide sir Symonde.'

³ 'ex causa superius expressa.'

⁴ 'cominus dictorum religiosorum procuratore antedicto.'

⁵ Even in the Latin the grammatical structure is impossible, and we have to be contented with the general sense.

⁶ i. e. although the terms of the verdict to be given have been settled by compromise between the parties, the agreement is

an honest, not a collusive, one.

⁷ 'Wygginton' in the margin.

⁸ In Latin is in the ablative absolute = 'With the proviso that arrears are not to be asked, I name my proctor to acknowledge my liability for 5s. yearly.'

⁹ 'ratum habiturus.'

¹⁰ 'secundum quod dictum est coram nobis.'

¹¹ 'hit' takes up 'thyng,' and is superfluous.

¹² 'iudicatum solvi promitto.'

¹³ 'parti advers[a]e.'

[XXXVI.] SWEREFORDE.

[266.] HIT is to be remembryd that Syre Reynolde ffigt
 petur drowe Richard of Appulstre Abbot of Oseney in-to plee,
 axyng of hym and of his men of Hokenorton sute to his mylle
 4 of Hokenorton pat ys by swereford. To þe which þe saide Abbot
 Answeryd that noþer he noþer hys men oony sute oftyd to pat
 myll. In-somoch that A quiteclayme pay had of þat maner
 of sute afore þe sayde Reynolde whas y-ffeyd of þe sayde
 8 Mylle; and that hee preuyd by A charter þe which made mencion
 of Sibille þe ffyrst wyfe of * Henry Doylly, þe which charter Is
 in the title 'How þe church of saynte George was i-yeve to þe
 chanon of Oseney.' And of þat he put hym-selfe vppoñ
 12 Assise. Robert Bradenston and raph Dichelle¹ and oper that
 were in the Assise, makynge knowlege, sayde pat þe sayde Abbot
 and hys men been quite of þe sute of þe sayde Mylle.

þe[s] pynges weer i-do at Oxonforde In þe laste Jorney of
 16 Gylbert Prestoñ and of hys ffelawes In the yere of þe raynyng
 of Kyng Henry þe soñ of Kyng John.

[267.] AND hit is to be knowe that Reynolde impletyd
 þe sayde Abbot of þe sayde sute by A-noþer brefe In the yere
 20 of þe Reyne of Kyng Henry þe soone of Kyng John xliij. And
 þis recorde begynneth, In the Rolle of þe banke or benchē,
 'Philipp basset,' &c². Where pabbot Answeryd þat þe sayde
 reynolde had no mylle in Swereford whereof þe same raynolde
 24 axyd to A better brefe to perquired.

[268.] pabbot ha[th] þe Aduowrie of þe church of Swereforde,
 with þe chapel of sevewell, of þe yifte of John Gray, Bysshop
 of Norwych, and Graunte of Henry doylly, as hit is opyñ
 28 by the charters vndurwrite.

[269.] To all cristen men thys present charter to see Henry
 doylly helth. Knowe ye me to haue y-yefe, and to haue
 i-graundy, and with thys my charter to haue i-confermyd,
 32 to lorde John Gray, bysshoppe of Norewych, all my woode
 of Cudelyngton þe which is i-callyd Goggeswoode², withoute
 oony reteynyng, and þe church of Swereforde³, with þe Chapel
 of Sevewell³, with alle þere pertinences, to be assynd and

About
1258.

Suit raised
against
Oseney,
by Regi-
nald son of
Peter, lord
of Swerford
manor,
to compel
Oseney
tenants at
* leaf 59.

Hook-
norton to
do suit to
his mill,
decided (by
virtue of
no. 40) in
favour of
Oseney.

1259.

Another
suit against
Oseney, by
Reginald
son of
Peter, to
same effect
as in 266 :
see no. 272.

Reference
to nos. 270,
271.

About
1210.

Grant to
bishop
John Grey,
by Henry
Doyly II,
of Cogges-
wood, and
of Swerford
church and

¹ Ditchley.

² Name noted in the margin. 'Kogges-

wude' in the Latin.

³ Name noted in the margin.

Senewell chapel, with a view to founding a monas-tery.

to i-yeve to þe religiouse howse þe which he hath i-wyllyd to founde, In-to ffre pure and perpetueſt almys; And yf by case¹ þe same noo religiouse howse founde, lete hyṁ assyne hit to whoome he wyſſe. And I and myne heyres shaſt warantize 4 þem to þe same Bysshop, and to Euery maṁ þat he wyſſe assyne þem, agaynste aſt mortall meṁ: Þese witnysses.

About 1217. Conveyance to Oseney, by bishop John Grey's executors, of Coggeswood, &c. (as in no. 269).

* leaf 59, back.

[270.] To aſt þe soonys of owre hooly modur þe church to þe which þese present letters shaſt come, *Walter* by the 8 grace of god Archiebiſſhope of yorke, of Ingland^d A primate, and master *Ranulph* of wareham, official of Norwich, and master R., Archedecun of yippeke², helth in owr lorde. Knowe ye aſt John Gray, of goode mynde, sometyme bysshope of Norwich, a woode 12 that some tyme was callyd Coggeswode to the towne of Cud-lyngtoṁ perteynyng and the church of Swereforde with the chapel of Seveweſt and there pertinences, *the which the sayde Bysshop of the yifte of Syr Henry Doylly gate, to the church of 16 Saynte marye of Oseneye and to the chanonṣ þere seruyng god, for the helth of his sowle, in his laste wyſſe lefte. Nowe we in the testament of the foresaide Bysshop executours have be i-yefe, to the saide chanonṣ the foresaide woode and the saide 20 church with the chapel and pertinences after that the office of owr execucion axith we have assynyd. But, last that the trowth of this thyng by succedyng of tyme myȝht be callyd in-to dowte, we þe assynnyng of the foresaide thynges to the 24 foresaide chanons of vs i-made haue i-turnyd in-to scripture, the which we thowght worthy with the puttyng to of owr sealyss to strenghte.

[No. 107 is a duplicate.]

About 1217. Confirmation to Oseney, by Henry Doyly II, as feudal superior, of no. 270.

[271.] To aſt þe chyl dren of owr holy modur the church to 28 the which thys present wrytyng shaſt come Henry Doylly, owr lorde the Kynges constable, helth. Knowe ye aſt John Gray, sometyme Bysshop of Norewich, the church of Swereforde, with þe chapel of Seveweſt, and the pertinences, the which he 32 Gate of owr yifte, as owr charter the which perof he had witnesseth, to the church of Saynte marye of Oseneye, and to the chanonṣ there seruyng god, in his laste wyſſe to haue i-lefte. And we, þat that of the foresaide Bysshope vppoṁ 36

¹ 'si forte.' ² Perhaps Robert de Tywe, archdeacon of Suffolk (gippeswic = Ipswich)

þe foresayde church with the *pertinencis* whas i-doo hauyng¹
 rate and kyndely or plesyd², the same church, with his *per-*
tinences, to be had to the foresayde chanon³ haue i-Grauntyd⁴ [No. 108 is a
 4 and conferme. And that this owre graunte rate And ferme duplicate.]
 abyde foreuer, hit with this present writyng and owre seale
 suryng make stronge. The witnessys, 1.

[272.] HIT is to be mynded that, whenne in the yere of 1259,
 8 grace A[*nno*] MⁱCClix., in the morne of saynte clement, Nov. 30.
 at Henrade², bitwene lordys Abbot and Couent of Oseney, Agreement
 of the oone party, and Syr Raynolde ffyzt petur, of the other between
 partye, vppoñ summe despites or probris, harmys, violences, Oseney,
 12 and oper moony wronges, of men of bothe parties to euery partye and Regi-
 euerych agaynste other i-doo, bitwene the foresaide parties nald son
 in forme of pece to be had a lytuñ while hit was i-tretyd. At of Peter,
 the laste, in forme vndurwrite, all playntys and stryfys, vppoñ
 16 the foresayde despites, harmys, violences, and wronges, bitwene
 the foresaide parties vnto the forenamyd daye i-mevyd⁵, for euer
 frendely þen i-cesyd⁶ or sospite (but the question, in the courte
 of owre lord Kynge hangyng, vppoñ the sute of his myllys
 20 of Sybforde³, the which playnly the foresayde Syr Raynolde
 exceptid froo the afore writyng) that is to say, that the foresaide
 Abbot and couent to the foresayde Raynolde, for goode pece,
 And⁴ as A sure to hym in his of thynges to be doo and as
 24 patrone and de*fender haue refute, all there accions vnto the
 fornamyd day, agaynste hym or þeme⁵ i-meuely⁶, playnly
 haue relesyd⁷ to þe sayde same, Syr⁷ Raynolde to þe foresaide
 Abbot and couent all accions agaynste þem, to⁸ þem acordyng
 28 (owttake the playnyng of the foresaide myllys), for fauour
 of religion and þe instaunce of the prayours of Syr philippe
 (fforde⁹ bothe more and lasse) Basset, (all¹⁰) remittyng, and

on all
 points in
 disputes be-
 tween them
 on Nov. 24
 (except as
 to suit of
 his mills
 which is to
 be tried in
 the king's

* leaf 60.
 court: see
 no. 267),
 Sir Regi-
 nald agree-
 ing to allow
 Oseney to
 collect
 its tithes in

¹ 'ratum habentes et gratum.'

² Hendred, in Berkshire.

³ Name noted in the margin. So also in the Christ Church MS. In the original deed (Bodl. Oseney Charter 418) it is Swerford

⁴ An excellent instance of verbal translation issuing in utter nonsense: 'et ut securum ad eum de cetero in agendis suis tanquam patronum et defensorem habeant refugium,' i.e. And that they may have safe recourse to him, in future, in their busi-

ness, as (if he were) their patron and de-fender.

⁵ i. e. his men.

⁶ Read 'i-meved': 'motas.'

⁷ Ablative absolute: 'domino Reginaldo . . . totaliter remittente.'

⁸ 'sibi competentes' = which were in his power.

⁹ Omit the bracketed words inserted out of place from below.

¹⁰ Omit 'all.'

Swereford,

provided
he is
caused no
expense,
Oseney
granting
Sir Regi-
nald and
his family
commemo-
ration in
the con-
ventual
prayers.

to the same to gader there tithis at Swereford¹ bothe more
and lasse and frely to bere a-waye whider pay willeen, napelese in
curteys wyse, withoute harme and greuance of the saide Syr
Raynolde and of his men leve grauntynge: of the which cause⁴
the saide Abbot and couent þe same Syr *Raynolde* and Aliȝ his
wyfe and his free² soonys, in spirituall benefettis (the which
ben i-doo in Oseney), for euer thay haue admitted parteners:
and³ bothe parties ofte in Jugement in the which that was⁸
A dooe to cese, and playnly to procure that the oþer partie be
i-kepid harmeles. Wherefore, In-to witnesse of the foresaide,
to this writynge, in-to A maner of A charter twyys-partid,
euerych to oþer the parties haue i-put there sealys. Þe Date,¹²
in saynte Andrews day, In the yere afore i-namyd.

[XXXVII.] BEREFORDE.

Reference
to no. 21.

[273.] THABBOT hath in Bereforde of the yifte of Doyl-
liorum and confirmacion of bysshopys and of the chapter
of lincoln, ij. parties of all tithis of the Demayne of Syr¹⁶
Richard of seyton and of Raph Dyue and of Gilbert clerke and
of Symond Smyth⁴ the which holde dj. a yerde londe of the
Demayne, and of A crofte of Aliȝaunduȝ Smyth⁴: and hit is to
be knowe þat thabbot of Oseneye taketh all the tithe holy²⁰
of ix. acris i-chose of all the Demayne of *Richard* Seyt

About
1280.

Suit by
Oseney,

to compel
the rector
of Barford

to allow
Oseney
⅓ds of the

[274.] KNOWE all men to the which this present writynge
schall come that where A strife was i-mevyd, by the popys
auctorite, afore the lordys Deene and chaunceler of Sarisbury,²⁴
bitwene pabbot and couent of Oseneye, of the oone partie, and
Hugħ person⁵ of Bereforde, of the oþer, vppoñ ij. parties
of smale tithis comynge forthe of the Demayne of Syr Roger
Verduñ of Bereford⁶, of þe which tithis the saide chanon⁸
by the same Hugħ saide them-selfe i-spoilyd; At þe laste,
the stryfe, of the consent of bothe parties, vndur this forme
restid: þat is to say, the saide Hugħ, as to the foresaide tithis,

¹ Name noted in the margin. Commencing at the middle of this name, five words have been taken out of place and inserted above.

² 'et liberos suos.'

³ 'Debet autem utraque pars in foro, in

quo fuit actrix, supersedere.'

⁴ 'fabri.'

⁵ 'rectorem,' in the Latin, is always Englished 'parson' in this book.

⁶ Name noted in the margin.

of the saide chanons the ryȝht fully knowlegid¹ agayne¹, and¹ poo tithis ffrely and¹ quietly to take to them¹ he grauntid¹, and¹ hee schaff not let hem but that thaye mowe take the saide tithis, and¹ þese hee byhete² by goode feyth; And¹ the sayde chanon³, to the same Hugh, arrerages of the foresaide tithis, and¹ expenses in the stryfe i-made, relesyd¹: And¹, of the consente of the parties, [there³ was reserved jurisdiction to the judges to
8 compel the parties] to the keypyng of the saide composicion. And¹ in-to witnesse of this thyng, to this *composicion were i-hanged¹ the synes of the Jugges, also with the parties.

tithe of the demesne-land.
Verdict for Oseney, who did not press for arrears and costs.

* leaf 80, back.

[275.] Know thoo þat ben now and¹ to be that I, Anneys
12 of chayney, in my pure widowhoode, yafe and graunted; and with this my present charter confermed¹, to god and¹ to the church of saynte marie of Oseneye and¹ to the chanons þere seruyng god, In-to ffree pure and¹ perpetuefl almes, for the helth
16 of the sowle of Symonde maydewell (sometyme my husbunde) and¹ for the helth of my sowle and¹ of my ffadur and¹ of my modur and¹ of my aunceturs and¹ of my successours, all that curtillage In bereforde⁴ that is i-callyd¹ Westbecten⁵, to make
20 A howse to the tithis to be layde and to howses to be made the which, to whoome-so-euer they wille, they maye sett or lette, and ij. acrys of londe in the felde of Bereforde, that is to saye; j. acre at the crosse and¹ at the thorne bitwene Bereforde and
24 Neuntō⁶ vndur the hyȝgh-waye and¹ butteth In-to the hygh-waye, and¹ j. acre agaynste⁷ eueñ of the same acre In A-noþer felde [uppon] langdoune; and¹ the tithe of ix. acres of my best corne in bereford, the which my aunceturs to whome-so-euer
28 paye wolde yafe hit, of the which the church of Bereforde receyueth no parte And⁸ that the church of Blokesham j. acre of my demayne euery yere receyueth. I wyll also that the foresayde chanons and¹ there tenauntes the foresaide tenement
32 haue and¹ holde and⁹ haue possession (yifte and¹) for euer, free

About 1225. Confirmation to Oseney, by Agnes of Cheyney, widow of Simon Maidwell, of Simon Maidwell's grants (nos. 276, 277) of a site for a tithe-barn and other houses, with 2 acres of land,

and the tithe of 9 acres.

¹ 'recognovit.'

² 'promisit.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ Name noted in margin.

⁵ 'Westleicton' in Christ Church MS.;

'Westlectune' in Cotton MS.

⁶ 'Neutone' in Cotton MS.

⁷ 'ex opposito illius acre.'

⁸ Read 'because that' 'eo quod.'

⁹ 'et possideant in perpetuum': i.e. 'yifte and' is brought in, in error, from below. An explanation of the many errors of this sort is that the translator began on the wrong line, and then went back to the proper place, without erasing his false start.

and quite fro all *seruice*. And that this my yifte [and] graunte abyde sure and stabuff for euer, pis present wrytyng with the puttyng-to of my seale I haue i-strenghtid hit, &c^o.

About
1220.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Simon
Maidwell
and wife,

of site for a
tithe-barn
or cottages.

[276.] KNOW þoo that þen now and to be þat I, Symonde maydewell, by the counesell and assent of Anneys my wyffe, yafe and grauntyd, and with this my charter confermyd, to god and to the church of Saynte marye of Oseney and to the chanons þere seruyng god, In-to free pure and perpetueff almys, for the helth of my sowle and of Anneys my wyffe and of my heyres and for the sowle of Willyam of chaney and of all myne aunceturs and successours, all that curtilage In Bereforde¹ þat is i-callyd Westbecton², [to³ build a house for the storing¹² of their tithes, or to erect houses which they may let to whom-soeuer they please. I will also that the foresaid canons have, hold, and possess the foresaid tenement, free and quiet of all service. And that this, &c. These witnesses, Richard of 16 Beauchamp, &c.

About
1220.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Simon
Maidwell
and wife,
of tithe of
nine acres.

* Leaf 61.

[277.] KNOW þoo that þen now and to be þat I, Symonde maydewell, . . . yafe⁴ . . . to . . . Oseney . . . the] tithe⁵ of ix. acris of my best corne In bereforde, the which myne²⁰ aunceturs yafe to whoome paye wold; of the which the church of Bereforde noo parte receyueth, in al so moche as the church of Blokesham receyueth oone acre euery yere of my demayne.

* And þat this my yevyng, &c^o.

24

1311,
May 14.
Agreement
between
Oseney and
the rector
of Barford
St. Michael,
about ap-
portion-
ment of the
tithes.

[278.] KNOWE all men to the which this wrytyng schaff come that when, vppoñ ij. partes of all tithes more and lasse and⁶ all the oolde demaynes of the maner of Sayton, that in oolde tyme was i-founde and callyd maydewell, ande in the²⁸ maner of Dyue, in the towne and felde of bereforde⁷ seynte Myzgheff, of what-soo-euer and howsoeuer comyng forthe, bitwene the religiouse men Abbot and couent of the monastery of saynte marye of Oseneye of lincoln diocese, actors, of þe³²

¹ Name noted in margin.

² 'Westleicton,' in Latin.

³ Added from the Latin. The translator has run together two separate deeds.

⁴ Terms of introduction as in no. 276.

⁵ The English version resumes after the omission.

⁶ Read 'in' in place of 'and.'

⁷ Name noted in margin.

oone parte, and̄ syre Willyam Ropele, persone of þe church
 of Bereforde of the foresaide same diocese, gilty, of the other
 party, by A prouacion¹ and̄ appele of the parte of the saide
 4 religouse men to the pope, and̄ for² tuicion to the courte
 of canturbery for³ certen causes i-stered by custome & lawfully
 i-cast . . .

[NOTE.—The book ends in the middle of a sentence. The substance of the composition is that Oseney is to have (a) of the old demesne-lands, two-thirds of the tithe-sheaves; (b) of the manor of Maidwell, the whole tithe of nine acres (as in no. 277), and half of certain specified small tithes (viz. of wool, of lambs, and of calves); (c) of the manor of Dyue, half of the same small tithes; while the rectory of Barford St. Michael is to have (a) the other third, or half, of said tithes, with the whole tithe of certain specified tilths; (b) the whole tithe of all *novalia*, meadows, mills, and *foraria*; (c) the whole tithe of milk of the manors of Maidwell and of Dyue; (d) the whole tithe of a dovehouse and of a specified *placea* in Dyue. This deed brings us to leaf 93 back of the Christ Church Latin Register.]

¹ 'prouocacionem.'

² 'pro tuicione.'

³ 'ob quasdam causas suggestas rite et legitime interiectas.'

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☛ The Society intends to complete, as soon as its funds will allow, the Reprints of its out-of-print Texts of the year 1866, and also of nos. 20, 26, and 33. Dr. Otto Glauning has undertaken *Seinte Marherete*; and *Hali Meidenhad* is in type. As the cost of these Reprints, if they were not needed, would have been devoted to fresh Texts, the Reprints will be sent to all Members in lieu of such Texts. Though called 'Reprints,' these books are new editions, generally with valuable additions, a fact not noticed by a few careless receivers of them, who have complained that they already had the volumes.

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The Extra Series Texts for 1909 were, No. CIV, *The Non-Cycle Mystery Plays*, re-edited by O. Waterhouse, M.A.; and No. CV, *The Tale of Beryn, with a Prologue of the merry Adventure of the Pardoner with a Tapster at Canterbury*, printed from a cast of the Chaucer Society's plates. As the Society hadn't money enough to pay for its *Troy Book*, Part II, in 1908, it had to take that out of its income of 1909; and it was therefore obliged to borrow from the Chaucer Society the amusing *Tale of Beryn*, edited by the late Dr. Furnivall and the late W. G. Boswell-Stone.

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An urgent appeal is hereby made to Members to increase the list of Subscribers to the E. E. Text Society. It is nothing less than a scandal that the Hellenic Society should have over 1000 members, while the Early English Text Society has not 300!

Before his death in 1895, Mr. G. N. Currie was preparing an edition of the 15th and 16th century Prose Versions of Guillaume de Deguileville's *Pilgrimage of the Life of Man*, with the French prose version by Jean Gallopes, from Lord Aldenham's MS., he having generously promist to pay the extra cost of printing the French text, and engraving one or two of the illuminations in his MS. But Mr. Currie, when on his deathbed, charged a friend to burn *all* his MSS. which lay in a corner of his room, and unluckily all the E. E. T. S.'s copies of the Deguileville prose versions were with them, and were burnt with them, so that the Society will be put to the cost of fresh copies.

Guillaume de Deguileville, monk of the Cistercian abbey of Chaalis, in the diocese of Senlis, wrote his first verse *Pèlerinage de l'Homme* in 1330-1 when he was 36.¹ Twenty-five (or six) years after, in 1355, he revised his poem, and issued a second version of it,² a revision of which was printed ab. 1500. Of the prose representative of the first version, 1330-1, a prose Englishing, about 1430 A.D., was edited by Mr. Aldis Wright for the Roxburghe Club in 1869, from MS. Ff. 5. 30 in the Cambridge University Library. Other copies of this prose English are in the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow, Q. 2. 25; Sion College, London; and the Laud Collection in the Bodleian, no. 740.³ A copy in the Northern dialect is MS. G. 21, in St. John's Coll., Cambridge, and this is the MS. which will be edited for the E. E. Text Society. The Laud MS. 740 was somewhat condense and modernised, in the 17th century, into MS. Ff. 6. 30, in the Cambridge University Library:⁴ "The Pilgrime or the Pilgrimage of Man in this World," copied by Will. Baspoole, whose copy "was verbatim written by Walter Parker, 1645, and from thence transcribed by G. G. 1649; and from thence by W. A. 1655." This last copy may have been read by, or its story reported to, Bunyan, and may have been the groundwork of his *Pilgrim's Progress*. It will be edited for the E. E. T. Soc., its text running under the earlier English, as in Mr. Herrtage's edition of the *Gesta Romanorum* for the Society. In February 1464,⁵ Jean Gallopes—a clerk of Angers, afterwards chaplain to John, Duke of Bedford, Regent of France—turned Deguileville's first verse *Pèlerinage* into a prose *Pèlerinage de la vie humaine*.⁶ By the kindness of Lord Aldenham, as above mentiond, Gallopes's French text will be printed opposite the early prose northern Englishing in the Society's edition.

The Second Version of Deguileville's *Pèlerinage de l'Homme*, A.D. 1355 or -6, was englisht in verse by Lydgate in 1426, and, thanks to the diligence of the old Elizabethan tailor and manuscript-lover, John Stowe, a complete text of Lydgate's poem has been edited for the Society by Dr. Furnivall. The British Museum French MSS. (Harleian 4399,⁷ and Additional 22,937⁸ and 25,594⁹) are all of the First Version.

¹ He was born about 1295. See Abbé GOUJET's *Bibliothèque française*, Vol. IX, p. 73-4.—P. M. The Roxburghe Club printed the 1st version in 1893.

² The Roxburghe Club's copy of this 2nd version was lent to Mr. Currie, and unluckily burnt too with his other MSS.

³ These 3 MSS. have not yet been collated, but are believed to be all of the same version.

⁴ Another MS. is in the Pepys Library.

⁵ According to Lord Aldenham's MS.

⁶ These were printed in France, late in the 15th or early in the 16th century.

⁷ 15th cent., containing only the *Vie humaine*.

⁸ 15th cent., containing all the 3 Pilgrimages, the 3rd being Jesus Christ's.

⁹ 14th cent., containing the *Vie humaine* and the 2nd Pilgrimage, *de l'Ame*: both incomplete.

Besides his first *Pèlerinage de l'homme* in its two versions, Deguilleville wrote a second, "de l'ame separee du corps," and a third, "de nostre seigneur Iesus." Of the second, a prose Englishing of 1413, *The Pilgrimage of the Soule* (with poems, by Hoccleve, already printed for the Society with that author's *Regement of Princes*), exists in the Egerton MS. 615,¹ at Hatfield, Cambridge (Univ. Kk. 1. 7, and Caius), Oxford (Univ. Coll. and Corpus), and in Caxton's edition of 1483. This version has 'somewhat of additions' as Caxton says, and some shortenings too, as the maker of both, the first translator, tells us in the MSS. Caxton leaves out the earlier englisher's interesting Epilog in the Egerton MS. This prose englishing of the *Soule* has been copied and will be edited for the Society by Mr. Hans Koestner. Of the *Pilgrimage* of Jesus, no englishing is known.

As to the MS. Anglo-Saxon Psalters, Dr. Hy. Sweet has edited the oldest MS., the Vespasian, in his *Oldest English Texts* for the Society, and Mr. Harsley has edited the latest, c. 1150, Eadwine's Canterbury Psalter. The other MSS., except the Paris one, being interlinear versions,—some of the Roman-Latin redaction, and some of the Gallican,—Prof. Logeman has prepared for press a Parallel-Text edition of the first twelve Psalms, to start the complete work. He will do his best to get the Paris Psalter—tho' it is not an interlinear one—into this collective edition; but the additional matter, especially in the Verse-Psalms, is very difficult to manage. If the Paris text cannot be parallelised, it will form a separate volume. The Early English Psalters are all independent versions, and will follow separately in due course.

Through the good offices of the Examiners, some of the books for the Early-English Examinations of the University of London will be chosen from the Society's publications, the Committee having undertaken to supply such books to students at a large reduction in price. The net profits from these sales will be applied to the Society's Reprints.

Members are reminded that *fresh Subscribers are always wanted*, and that the Committee can at any time, on short notice, send to press an additional Thousand Pounds' worth of work.

The Subscribers to the Original Series must be prepared for the issue of the whole of the Early English *Lives of Saints*, sooner or later. The Standard Collection of Saints' Lives in the Corpus and Ashmole MSS., the Harleian MS. 2277, &c. will repeat the Laud set, our No. 87, with additions, and in right order. (The foundation MS. (Laud 108) had to be printed first, to prevent quite unwieldy collations.) The Supplementary Lives from the Vernon and other MSS. will form one or two separate volumes.

Besides the Saints' Lives, Trevisa's englishing of *Bartholomæus de Proprietatibus Rerum*, the mediæval Cyclopædia of Science, &c., will be the Society's next big undertaking. Prof. Napier of Oxford, wishing to have the whole of our MS. Anglo-Saxon in type, and accessible to students, will edit for the Society all the unprinted and other Anglo-Saxon Homilies which are not included in Thorpe's edition of Ælfric's prose,² Dr. Morris's of the Blickling Homilies, and Prof. Skeat's of Ælfric's Metrical Homilies. The late Prof. Kölbing left complete his text, for the Society, of the *Ancren Riwele*, from the best MS., with collations of the other four, and this will be edited for the Society by Dr. Thümmeler. Mr. Harvey means to prepare an edition of the three MSS. of the *Earliest English Metrical Psalter*, one of which was edited by the late Mr. Stevenson for the Surtees Society.

Members of the Society will learn with pleasure that its example has been followed, not only by the Old French Text Society, which has done such admirable work under its founders Profs. Paul Meyer and Gaston Paris, but also by the Early Russian Text Society, which was set on foot in 1877, and has since issued many excellent editions of old MS. Chronicles, &c.

Members will also note with pleasure the annexation of large tracts of our Early English territory by the important German contingent, the late Professors Zupitza and Kölbing, the living Hausknecht, Eienkel, Haenisch, Kaluza, Hupe, Adam, Holthausen, Schick, Herzfeld, Brandeis, Sieper, Konrath, Wülfing, &c. Scandinavia has also sent us Prof. Erdmann and Dr. E. A. Kock; Holland, Prof. H. Logeman, who is now working in Belgium; France, Prof. Paul Meyer—with Gaston Paris as adviser (alas, now dead);—Italy, Prof. Lattanzi; Austria, Dr. von Fleischhacker; while America is represented by the late Prof. Child, by Dr. Mary Noyes Colvin, Miss Rickert, Profs. Mead, McKnight, Triggs, Hulme, Bryce, Craig, Drs. Bergen, MacCracken, &c. The sympathy, the ready help, which the Society's work has cald forth from the Continent and the United States, have been among the pleasantest experiences of the Society's life, a real aid and cheer amid all troubles and discouragements. All our Members are grateful for it, and recognise that the bond their work has woven between them and the lovers of language and antiquity across the seas is one of the most welcome results of the Society's efforts.

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